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INTRODUCTION.

THE following paper has as its first and chief aim to extend a little further the inquiry as to Chaucer's treatment of final *-e*. It is modelled closely on similar studies of the *Troilus* by Professor Kittredge, of Harvard, and of the *Legend of Good Women* by Professor Manly, of Chicago University, in the hope that the identity of form may add something to the value of them all.

In citing words from Old and Middle English in illustration of words and forms in the *Hous of Fame*, no attempt has been made to determine the dialect of Old English from which descent is to be traced, or to give a history of the changes which occurred between the Old English period and the time of Chaucer. The main object, as stated, has been to take some account of Chaucer's use of final *-e*.

The authorities for the *Hous of Fame* are few and very faulty. Almost any blunder might be attributed to the scribe who could perpetrate such monstrosities as *hytte* (= *hyt*), *whatte* (= *what*), *frerre* (= *fer*), etc. Numberless instances of wrongly written *-e*'s could be cited; and at the end of the verse no little difficulty has been had in deciding in certain cases whether or not the *-e* is of value. In general I have preferred to follow the guidance of Willert, who has taken quite a step forward in the suppression of these seemingly idle *-e*'s.

The present study is based on the Fairfax MS. 16, Bodleian Library, as being perhaps the best of the three; but careful comparison has been made with the other MSS., as well as with the editions of Caxton and Thynne. When the reading of another MS. than F is given, the fact is noted and the variants usually registered.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SIGNS.

A. R., Ancren Riwe, Morton, 1853; *B.—S.*, Bradley's Stratmann; *Freudenberger*, M. Freudenberger, Ueber das Fehlen des Auftakts in Chaucer's heroischem Verse, 1889; *He.*, Heath's edition of the poem in the Globe Chaucer; *L.*, Layamon's Brut, Madden, 1847; *M.*, Murray's New English Dictionary, Vol. I-II; *M. L. N.*, Modern Language Notes; *O.*, Ormulum, White, 1878; *O. & N.*, Owl and Nightingale, Stratmann, 1868; *P. Pl.*, Langland's Piers Plowman, Skeat, 1886; *Sheldon*, Sheldon's etymologies in Webster's International Dictionary; *Sk.*, Skeat's Etymological Dictionary and edition of the poem; *Sweet*, Sweet's History of English Sounds, 1888; *Wi.*, Willert's edition of the poem, 1888. Other contractions will be easily understood; such as *n.* (noun or neuter), *impv.* (imperative), *pp.* (perfect participle), etc. However, *adj.* means *adjective, singular, attributive*, unless *post.* or *pred.* is added; but when the adjective is invariable this distinction is not commonly made.

The following signs are used: *-ē* or *-e* = *e* pronounced; *-e* = *e* elided before a vowel or *h*; *-e* = *e* apocopated or syncopated, as well when due to the scribe's caprice as in words in which it is regularly or sometimes sounded; *(-e)* = *e* unsounded in rhyme; [] indicates an omission in the MS.; () marks something wrongly written within the verse; *f* (as in 2011 *f*) means *in rhyme*; *`* marks the ictus; *:* expresses *rhymes with*; *** denotes a line metrically imperfect which is not easily corrected by comparison of MSS.; *||* marks the cæsura.

The manuscripts are denoted as follows: *F*, Fairfax MS. 16, Bodleian Library; *B*, Bodley MS. 638, Bodleian Library; *P*, Pepys MS. 2006, Magdalen College, Cambridge; *C*, Caxton's edition, British Museum, about 1483; *T*, Thynne's edition, 1532.

NOUNS.

§ 1. Masculine, feminine, and neuter nouns of the *-n* declension in Anglo-Saxon end in *-e* in *H. F.*

§ 2. I. Masculine nouns of the *-n* declension (Child, § 3).

Ape (A.S. *apa*, O. & N. *ape*), 1212 f (: *iape inf.*).

bane (A.S. *bana*, *bona*, L.^a. *bone*, L.^b. *bane*), 408 f (: *Adriane pr. n.*).

bere (A.S. *bera*), 1004 f (: *here pr.*).

grome (A.S. *guma* ; cf. O. N. *gromr*), 206.

hare (A.S. *hara*, O. & N. *hare*), 681 f (: *fare n.*).

make (A.S. *gemaca*, O. *make*), 1172 f (: *make inf.*).

mone (A.S. *mōna*, L. O. *mone*), 1531 f, 2116 f (*both* : *sone adv.*).

name (A.S. *noma*, *nama*, L. *nome*, *name*, O. *name*), 306 f, 558 f, 1145 f, 1275 f, 1312 f, 1411 f, 1462 f, 1489 f, 1556 f, 1610 f, 1620 f, 1696 f, 1716 f, 1736 f, 1761 f, 1871 f, 1900 f, 2112 f ; *name*, 346 ; *name*, 1877.

Rhyme words. — *shame n.* (558), *fame n.* (the rest).

prikke (A.S. *prica*, *pricca*), 907 f (: *thikke pred. adj. sg.*).

shrewe (A.S. *scrēawa*, L. *shrewe*), 1843.

smoke (A.S. *smoca*, L. *smoke*), 769 f (: *y-broke pp.*) ; *smoke*, 1645 ; *smoke*, 743.

stere (A.S. *stēora*, *gubernator* ; *stēor n.*, O. *ster*, *gubernaculum*), 437.

sterre (A.S. *steorra*, L. *steorre*, *sterre*, O. *steorne*, P. Pl. *sterre*), 599 f (: *ferre comp. adv.*).

tene (A.S. *tēona*, L. *teone*, *tuone*, O. P. Pl. *tene*), 387.

tyme (A.S. *tīma*, L. O. *time*), 519 f, 1256 f (*both* : *ryme inf.*) ; *tyme*, 303, 1249 ; *tyme*, 536, 1257, 1523 ; *tymes* (*error for tyme*), 1155. — *som tyme*, 2088.

wele (A.S. *wela*, *weola*, L. *wele*, *weole*, P. Pl. *weole*), 1138 f (: *fele adj.*), 684 f (: *stele n.*).

welle (A.S. *wella* ; *but also* *wielle*, *m.*, *wiell*, *m.*, *and* *wielle*, *f* ; L.^a. *welle*, *wælle*, L.^b. *welle*, *wel*, O. *wel*), 522 f (: *duelle 2 pl. pr. ind.*), 1653 f (: *helle n.*).

wone (A.S. *gewuna*, L.^a. *iwune*, *wune*, L.^b. P. Pl. *wone*), 76 ; *woone* (*dwelling*), 1166 f (: *to goone ger. inf.*).

wrecch[e] (A.S. *wrecc(e)a*, *wræcc(e)a*, Sievers, § 89, n. 1. ; L.^a. *wræcche*, *wrehche*, L.^b. *wrecche*, *wrech*, O. *wreche*), 919.

§ 3. II. Feminine nouns of the *-n* declension (Child, § 4).

belle (A.S. *belle*, L. O. *belle*), 1841 f (: *telle inf.*).

beme (A.S. *bēme*, *bȳme*), 1240.

chirche (A.S. *cirice*, *cyrice*, *cyrce*, L. *circe*, O. *kirke*, P. Pl. *kirke*, *chirche*), 473 f (: *wirche inf.*).

erthe (A.S. *eorðe*, L. O. *eorðe*, *erþe*), 752, 954, 1060, 1077, 1374; *erthe*, 715, 846, 918.

harpe (A.S. *hearpe*, L. *harpe*, *hearpe*), 773 f, 1201 f (*both* : *sharpe adv.*); *harpe*, 777; *harp[e]*, 1005.

herte (A.S. *heorte*, L. *heorte*, O. *heorrtē*, *herrte*), 373 f (: *smerte adj.*); *hert[e]*, 315 f (: *smert adj. pl.*); 1799 f (: *stert 3 sg. pt. ind.*); *hert[e]*, 210, 326, 570, 1148, 1814; *herte*, 604, 1749. Except in our MS. *-e* is commonly written.

larke (A.S. *lāwerce*, P. Pl. *larke*), 546 f (: *starke adj. def. post. pl.*).

pipe (A.S. *pīpe*, O. & N. *pipe*), 1219 f (: *pipe inf.*); *pipe*, 773, 774.

Rose (A.S. *rōse*; *also* O. F. *rose*), 135.

sonne (A.S. *sunne*, L^a. *sunne*, L^b. *sonne*, O. *sunne*), 497.

syde (A.S. *sīde*, L. O. *side*), 1419 f (: *wide adj. pl.*); *syde*, 1204; *syde*, 1151.

tonge (A.S. *tunge*, L. O. *tunge*), 348 f, 721 f, 1234 f, 1656 f; *tong[e]*, 2022 f.

Rhyme words. — *songe pp.* (348, 721), *yonge adj. pl.* (1234), *y-ronge pp.* (1656), *y-sprong pp.* (2082).

wyse (A.S. *wīse*, L. O. *wise*), 1061 f, 1114 f (*both* : *deuyse inf.*), 1347 f (: *venyse pr. n.*).

§ 4. III. Neuters of the *-n* declension (Child, § 2).

ere (A.S. *ēare*, O. *ære*), 2044 f, 2058 f (*both* : *there adv.*).

yē (A.S. *ēage*, L. *ēȳe*, O. *eȳhe*), 291 f, 498 f, 906 f, 935 f, 1492 f.

Rhyme words. — *lye n.* (291), *hye adv.* (498, 906), *Galoxie n.* (935), *hye adj.* (1492).

§ 5. In *lady* (A.S. *hlǣfdige*, *f.*) the final vowel disappears.

lady (A.S. *hlǣfdige*, L^a. *lǣfdi*, *læudi*, *lafdie*, L^b. *lafdi*, O. *laffdiȝ*), *before consonants*, 204, 213, 1311, 1536, 1593, 1609, 1677, 1693, 1704, 1730; *before vowel*, 1310.

§ 6. Anglo-Saxon masculine and neuter vowel-stems that have a final vowel (*-e* or *-u*) in the nominative singular, preserve this vowel as *-e* in *H. F.* (cf. Child, § 7).

For convenience the following classes of nouns are thrown together in a single alphabetical list : (i.) masculine *jo-*(*ja-*)

stems with long stem-syllable, — *ende*; (ii.) neuter *jō*-(*ja*-) stems with long stem-syllable, — *stele*; (iii.) masculine *i*-stems with short stem-syllable, — *hete*, *lyge*, *stede*; (iv.) neuter *i*-stems with short stem-syllable, — *spere*; (v.) masculine *u*-stems with short stem-syllable, — *sunu*. Masculine nomina agentis in *-ere* (which properly belong under i.) and abstract nouns in *-scipe* (which properly belong under ii.) lose *-e*; see § 7.

ende (A.S. *ende*, *m.*, L. O. *ende*), 1646 f, 1867 f, (*both* : *wende inf.*

-ere, see § 7.

hate (A.S. *hete*, *m.* (cf. *hatian*), L. *hæte*, *hete*, L.^b *hate*, O. *hete*, *hate*), 95, 1964.

lye (A.S. *lyge*, *m.*), 292 f (: *ye n.*), 1552 f (: *companye n.*).

sone (A.S. *sunu*, *m.*, L. *sune*, *sone*, O. *sune*), 218; *sone*, 138

165, 177. — *sonē*, 160; *sonne*, 941.

Note.—Ten Brink's remark—"sone, wone kommen im Vers nie als zweisilbig vor" (*Spr. u. V.*, 261)—is contradicted by verse 218: *Syth that he hir sone was*.

spere (A.S. *spere*, *n.*, L. *spere*, *sper*, P. Pl. *spere*, *sper*), 1048 f (: *were 1 pl. pt. ind.*).

stede (A.S. *stede*, *m.*, L. *stude*, O. *stede*, O. & N. *stede*, *stude*), 829 f (: *drede n.*); *stide*, *827. — *stede*, 731.

stele (A.S. *stēle*, *stȳle*, L. *stel*), 683 f (: *wele n.*). But Willert prefers to conform the rhyme-word to the ordinary usage of *stele*, as is seen by his writing *steel*, *weel*. Skeat and Heath, on the other hand, retain *-e*. — *stel(e)*, 1130 f (: *euerydele*).

§ 7. Exceptions to § 6.

The termination *shippe* (A. S. *-scipe*, *m.*, *jō*-stem) occurs but once, and *-e* is unsounded. A. S. *-ere*, *m.*, *jō*-stem, is seen in but one word; in this *-e* is dropped.

stele, see § 6.

-ere (A.S. *-ere*, also L. W. S. *-re*, *m.*; Sievers, § 248) : *harper Orion*, 1205.

-shippe (A. S. *scipe*, L.^a *-scipe*, L.^b *-sipe*): *frendshippe*, 307.

§ 8. Anglo-Saxon feminine vowel-stems that have *-u* in the nominative end in *H. F.* in *-e* throughout the singular (except in the genitive).

The following list includes (i.) *ā*-(*ō*-) stems with short stem-syllable : *faru*, *lufu*, *sagu*, *sceadu*, *scealu*, *sceamu*, *talū*; (ii.) abstract nouns in *-u*, *-o*, corresponding to Gothic abstracts

in *ei* and usually indeclinable in the singular : *brædu*, *hælu*, *hætu*; (iii.) feminine consonant-stem with short stem-syllable : *hnutu*.

brede A.S. *brædu*, L.^a. *bræde*, L.^b. *brede*, O. & N. *brede*), 1494 f (: *rede* 1 *sg. pr. ind.*); *brede*, 2042.

fare (A.S. *faru*, L. *fare*, *fære*, *uore*, P. Pl. *fare*), 682 f (: *hare n.*), 1065 f (: *clare pr. n.*).

hele (A.S. *hælu*; *also* *hæl*, -e, *f.*, L. *hele*, O. *hæle*), 1966.

hete (A.S. *hætu*; *also* *hæte*, -an, *f.*; L. *hate*, O. *hæte*), 569 f (: *bete inf.*), 921 f (: *wete pred. adj.*), 940 f (: *strete n.*), 1149 f (: *bete n.*); *hete*, 1164.

loue (A.S. *lufu*; *also* *lufe*, -an, *f.*, see Sievers, § 279, n. 1, Cosijn, *Altws. Gr.* II, §§ 33 and 14, Platt, *Anglia*, VI, 176; L.^a. *lufe*, L.^b. *loue*, O. *lufe*, P. Pl., *love*), 321, 1235, 1797, 2143; *love*, 1757 f (: *above adv.*); *loue*, 243, 247, 258, 305, 625, 634, 683, 1056, 1711, 1739, 1995; *love*, 277, 1889, 1964. — *loue*, 341, 1697, 1758.

Note. — Four examples of final sounded *-e* within the verse are recorded; of these there can be no question as to but one :

Ther men of louë tydynges tolde; *or, possibly,*

Ther men of louë tydynges tolde, 2143.

note (A.S. *hnutu*; cf. O. N. *hnot*; P. Pl. *wal-note*), *walsh note*, 1281.

sawe (A.S. *sagu*, L. *saȝe*, *sæȝe*, P. Pl. *sawe*), 2089 (: *thrawe inf.*).

shade (A.S. *sceadu*; *also* *scead n.*, see Sievers, §§ 260, 271), 1160 f (: *made* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*).

shale (A.S. *scealu*, *scalu*, L.^a. *scale*, L.^b. *scole*, P. Pl. *scale*, *shale*), 1281 f (: *tale n.*).

shame (A.S. *sceamu*, *scamu*, *sceomu*, L.^a. *scome*, *sceome*, *scame*, L.^b. *same*, *seame*, O. *shame*), 557 f (: *name n.*), 1582 f (: *diffame inf.*), 1816 f (: *fame n.*); *shame*, 1655.

tale (A.S. *talū*, L. O. *tale*), 1282 f (: *shale n.*), 1839 f (: *pale n.*); *tale*, 1829.

- § 9. Monosyllabic feminine nouns with long stem-syllable take in *H. F.* a final *-e* (perhaps derived from the oblique cases) throughout the singular, except in the genitive (cf. Child, § 16; ten Brink, § 207).

The following list includes : (i.) *ā*-stems, — *bær*, *bōt*, *healf*, *heall*, *hēord*, *lār*, *lēaf*, *mīl*, *rest*, *rōd*, *sāwol*, *scond*, *spæc*, *stefn*, *stund*, *stræt*, *hevrīl*, *wund*; (ii.) *jā*-stems, — *blīðs*, *hell*, *hȳr*, -*nīs*; (iii.) *wā*-stems, — *læs*, *mæd*, *ræw*; (iv.) *i*-stems, — *bēn* (influenced by O. N. *bōn*), *dæd*, *flōr*, *hȳf*, *gēcȳnd*,

gemynd, *nīed*, *cwēn*, *cweorn*, *gesihð*, *tīd*; (v.) consonant-stem, — *mūs*; (vi.) *hēahðu*, *on lengðe*, O. N. *slægð*, *slæwð*, *strengðu*, *trēowð*, *untrēowð*. For convenience *derthe* and *routhe* are included in this section.

bere (A.S. *bær*, *bēr*, L. O. *bære*), 1744 f. (: *chere n.*).

blysse (A.S. *blīðs*, *bliss*, L. O. *blisse*), 492 f. (: *wisse inf.*).

— *blys*, 2016 f. (: *amys adv.*).

bone (O. N. *bōn*, *bœn*, *f.*, A.S. *bēn*, O. *bene*, L. *bone*), 1537 f., 1774 f. (*both* : *sone adv.*).

bote (A.S. *bōt*, L. O. *bote*), 32.

dede (A.S. *dæd*, *dēd*, L. *dede*, O. *dede*, *dæd-bote*), 329 f. (: *godelyhede n.*), 386 f. (: *rede inf.*).

derthe (A.S. *dēore*, *adj.*; cf. O. N. *dýrð*; P. Pl. *derthe*), 1974.

flore (A.S. *flōr*; also *masc.*, Sievers, § 274, n. 1; L. *flor*, O. *flor*), 1344, 2033.

halfe (A.S. *healf*), 1136. For *half*, *adj.*, cf. 1345; *adv.*, 914, 1923.

halle (A.S. *heall*, *hall*, L. *halle*), 1314 f., 1527 f., 1533 f., 1568 f., 2142 f.; *halle*, 1357, 1514, 1826; *halle*, 1186, 1342, 1493.

Rhyme words. — *alle pro.* (1314), with *alle* (1527, 2142), *falle inf.* (1533), *calle int.* (1568).

helle (A.S. *hell*, L. *helle*, O. *helle*), 445 f., 1510 f., 1654 f., 1803 f.; *helle*, 441; *helle*, 72, 918.

Rhyme words. — *telle inf.* (445, 1510, 1803), *welle n.* (1654).

herde (A.S. *hēord*, L.^a *heorde*, L.^b *hierde*), 1225.

hight[e] (A.S. *hēahðu*, *hēhðu*, *hiehðu*), 740 f. (: *wight pondus*), 744 f. (: *lyght adj. post. plur.*). But *-e* nowhere appears in either *hight* or the rhyme-words.

hire (A.S. *hȳr*, L. *hure*, P. Pl. *hure*, *huire*, *huyre*), 1857 f. (: *a fire*).

hive (A.S. *hȳf*), 1522 f. (*blyve adv.*).

kynde (A.S. *cynd*, *n.*, *gecynd*, *f.*, (later *n.*); late A. S. *gecynde*, *n.*, and *gecyndu*, *-o*, *f.*, Sievers, § 267 b. and n. 4; L. *icunde*, *cunde*, O. *kinde*), 43 f., 584 f., 749 f., 824 f., 1213 f.

Rhyme words. — *fynde 3 pl. pr. ind.* (43), *mynde n.* (584, 824), *fynde 1 sg. pr. ind.* (749), *behynde prep.* (1213).

lengthe (A.S. *on lengðe*; also *lengu*, *-o*, *f.*), 1979 f. (: *strengthe n.*); *lengthe*, 1370; *length* (+ *vowel*), 1494.

lese (A.S. *læs*), 1768 f. (: *ese n.*).

leve (A.S. *lēaf*, L.^a *leue*, *læue*, *leaue*, *lefe*, *leaf*, L.^b *leue*, *lefue*, O. *lefe*), 2105 f. (: *eve n.*); *leve*, 1089.

lore (A.S. *lār*, L.^a *lære*, *lare*, *leore*, L.^b *lore*, O. *lare*), 579, 1965.

mede (A.S. *mæd*, *mēd*; *gen.*, *mædwe*, *mæde*; L. *medewe*, *dat.*), 1353 f. (: *rede inf.*).

muse (A.S. *mūs*, P. Pl. *mus*), 785 f (: house *n.*). All authorities show *-e* here, and Wi., Sk. and He. retain it. It is quite probable, however, that we here have to do with one of the numberless idle *-e*'s. The uniform usage of the rhyme word elsewhere strengthens this notion.

myle (A.S. *mīl*, L. O. *mile*), 1038.

mynde (A.S. *gemynd*, *f.* and *n.*, O. *minde*), 583 f, 823 f (*both* : *kynde n.*) ; mynde, 564.

nede (A.S. *nīd* (also *n.*, cf. Cosijn, *Altws. Gr.* II, § 26), *nēd*, *nēad*, *nēod*, L. *ned*, *neod*, *neode*, O. *ned*, *acc.* *nede*), 724 f (: *drede n.*), 1011 f (: *spede 3 sg. pr. subj.*) ; nede, 1342, 2137.

-nesse, *termination*, (A.S. *-nes*, *-nis*, *-nys*, L. O. P. Pl. *-nesse*), *feblennesse*, 24. — *godennesse*, 1854 f ; *godenes*, 1832 f. — *heuynesse*, 2011 f. — *lyknesse*, 1080 f. — *sekenesse*, 25 f ; *sekenesse*, 1966. — *shrewdenesse*, 1627 f, 1853 f. — *wikkedenesse*, 1813 f ; *wikkednes*, 1831 f. — *worthynesse*, 1628 f.

Rhyme words. — Nouns in *-nesse* except the following : *distresse n.* (25, 2011), *gesse inf.* (1080, 1813).

quene (A.S. *cwēn*, *cwæn* ; also *cwēne*, *-an*, cf. Cosijn, *Altws. Gr.* II, § 26 ; L^a. *quen*, *quene*, L^b. *cwean*, *cweane*, *cwene*, O. *cwen*), 1409 f (: *sustene inf.*), 1535 f (: *shene voc. post. adj.*) ; quene, 241, 1512. — *quenē*, 1271.

querne (A.S. *cweorn*, *cwyrn*), 1798 f (: *werne inf.*).

reste (A.S. *rest*, *ræst*, L^a. *reste*, *dat.*, L^b. *raste*, *dat.*, O. *resste*), 2017 f (: *breste inf.*) ; *reste*, 654 ; *rest* (+ *vowel*), 1956.

Roode (A.S. *rōd*, L. O. *rode*), 2 f, 57 f (*both* : *to goode prep. phr.*).

routhe (not in A.S. ; formed from the verb *reouwen*, A.S. *hrēowan*, on the analogy of other abstract nouns in *-th* ; cf. O. N. *hrygð*, *hryggva* ; L^a. *reoðe*, *reouðe*, L^b. *rouþe*), 332 f, 383 f, 396 f, 614 f ; *routhe*, 2012.

Rhyme words. — *trouthe n.* (332, 614), *vntrouthe n.* (383, 396).

rowe (A.S. *rāw*, *ræw*, A. R. *a rewe*, P. Pl^c. *rewe*, *by rewe*), 448 f, 1451 f, 1835 f ; *rewe*, 1692 f.

Rhyme words. — *knowe inf.* (448, 1451), *fewe pro.* (1692), *knowe pp.* (1835).

shonde (A.S. *sceond*, *scond*, *sceand*, *scand*, L. *sconde*, O. *shande*), 88 f (: *stonde inf.*).

sleight (O. N. *slægð*, *slægð* ; not in A.S. ; L^b. *slehþe*, *dat.*, *sleahþe*, *nom.*, *sleþþe*, P. Pl^b. *sleighte*, P. Pl^c. *sleithe*), 462 (+ *vowel*).

slouthe (A.S. slæwð, L. slauðe, P. Pl^a. sleuþthe, P. Pl^b. sleuthe), 1764 f (: trouthe *n.*).

soule (A.S. sāwol, L. saule, O. sawle), 1612 ; soule, 43.

speche (A.S. spræc, sprēc, L. W. S. spæc, spēc, L. spæche, speche, O. spæche), 781 f, 1071 f, 2066 f ; speche, 278, 331, 783, 818, 824, 832, 849, 856, 1028 ; spech (+ *vowel*), 762, 1074. There is but a single example before a consonant (766). Here PCT, correctly, —

And euery spechē that is spoken ; F B, —

And euery spech that ys yspoken.

Rhyme words. — teche *inf.* (781, 1071), eche *inf.* (2066.).

stevene (A.S. stefn, stemn, L. stef(e)ne, steuene, O. steffne), 561 f (: nevene *inf.*).

stounde (A.S. stund, L. stunde, O. stunnd), 2071.

strengthe (A.S. strengðu, strengð, L. strengþe, strenðe, O. strenncþe), 1980 f (: lengthe *n.*).

strete (A.S. stræt, strēt, L^a. stræte, stret, L^b. stræt, O. stræte), 939 f (: hete *calor*), 1049 f (: fete *n.*).

syghte (A.S. gesihð, L^a. siht, *nom.*, sehte, isihðe, sihþeðe, *dat.*, L^b. seht, *nom.*, sihte, *dat.*, O. sihhþe), 468 f (: highte 3 *pl. ind.*) ; syght[e], 1016 f (: bryght *adv.*). But in the latter example all omit -e in both *syght* and the rhyme-word.

trouthe (A.S. trēowð, trēowðu, L. treouðe, O. trowwþe), 331 f, 613 f, 1763 f ; trouthe, 297, 889 ; trouthe, 807.

Rhyme words. — routhe *n.* (331, 613), slouthe *n.* (1763).

tyde (A.S. tid, L. tide, *dat.*, O. tid), 1951 f (: wide *pred. adj. pl.*).

vntrouthe (A.S. untrēowð), 384 f, 395 f (*both* : routhe *n.*).

while (A.S. hwīl, L. while, O. whil, while), 415 f (: Ile *n.*), 1287 f (: berile *n.*), 1484 f (: Virgile) ; while, 1417 ; whilē hee, 904 ; while, 1019, 1994.

wounde (A.S. wund, L. O. wunde, *obl.*), 374.

§ 10. Nouns in -yng, -ynge.

I. There is in *H. F.* no case of a noun in -ynge rhyming with an infinitive.

II. Here follow all cases in rhyme of nouns (including "gerunds") in -ynge. Where no note is added, the rhyme-word is another noun in -ynge.

askynge, 1700 f (: thinge *n.*). — blodeshedyng(e)s, 1241 f. — clarionynge(s), 1242 f. — enclynynge, 734, f (: thyng(e) *n.*). — fleynge, 1523 f. — forswerynge, 153 f. — humblynge, 1039 f. — knowynge, 892 f (: thinge *n.*). — lesynge, 154 f. — murmuryng, 1524 f. — sterynge, 800 f (: goynge *pres. part.*). — thundringe, 1040 f.

III. Nouns in *-yng*, *-ynge*, before consonants.

comynge, 537. — crowdyng, 1359. — felynge, 552. — gynnynge, 66. — kunnyng, 1168, 2056. — weddyng, 244. — writynge, 1161.

IV. Nouns in *-yng*, *-ynge*, before vowels.

axyng, 1541. — betynge, 1034. — engendrynge, 968. — hold-
ynge, 692. — lesynge, 2089. — magnyfyinge, 306. — movynge,
812. — rowtyng, 1933. — turnynge, 182. — wepinge, 1199. —
wynnyng, 1972.

§ 11. The following feminine nouns with long stem-syllables do not take *-e* in *H.F.* (cf. Child, § 17) :

(i.) *ā*-stems, — *feoht*; (ii.) *i*-stems, — *miht*, *þrift*, *wiht*, *weorold*; (iii.) consonant-stems, — *bōc*, *niht*.

For other feminine nouns which in *H. F.* sometimes or always lack final *-e*, cf. *loue*, § 8; *blys*, *-nesse*, *quene*, § 9; nouns in *-ynge*, § 10; and *hond(e)*, § 13.

bokē (A.S. *bōc*, L. O. *boc*), 1093; booke, 429; boke, 712; booke, 426; at another book(e), 656 f (: *looke n. nom.*).

fyght (A.S. *feoht*, *fyht*, L. *feht*, *fæht*, *feiht*, *feoht*, *fiht*, *dat. fihte*, *fuhte*), 1241 (+ *vowel*). This example is of course not decisive.

myght (A.S. *mi(e)ht*, *meaht*, L. *mihte*, O. *mihht*, *mihhte*), 41 f, 49 f, 80 f, 528 f, 1091 f, 1693 f, 2023 f, 2146 f; myght (*vowel*), 971.

Rhyme words. — a-nyght (41), aryght (49, 80, 528, 2023), lyght *n.* (1091), bryght *post. adj. voc.* (1693), wight *n.* (2146).

nyght (A.S. *ni(e)ht*, *neht*, *neaht*; L. *niht*, O. *nihht*), 112 (+ *cons.*); a-nyght, 42 f (: *myght n.*); a nyghte, 632; be nyght (+ *vowel*), 1953.

thrift (O.N. *þrift*), 1847 (+ *cons.*); thrifte, 1786.

wight (A.S. *wiht*, *wuht*, *wyht*, *f.* and *n.*, Sievers, § 267, n. 3; L. *wiht*, *whit*, O. *wihht*, P. Pl^b. *wyght*, P. Pl^c. *wight*, *wiht*, *wiȝt*), 1076 f, 2061 f, 2145 f; wyght, 1830 f; wight(e), 1626 f; *before consonants*, wight, 1808, 2043; wyght, 276, 1565; *before h*, wight, 1682, 1877.

Rhyme words. — ryght *adv.* (1076, 2061), lyghte *post. adj. sg.* (1626), a ryght (1830), myght *n.* (2145).

world (A.S. *woruld*, W. S. *weorold*; L. *weorlde*, *weorlde*, *weoreld*, *weoruld*, *woreld*, *world*, *worlde*, O. *weorelld*), 1932 (+ *cons.*); world hyt, 1525; worlde, 100, 1640, 1721, 1746, 2038; worlde, 906, 1674, 1770, 1807. In 1724 we have a harsh verse, but it can hardly be that we should read *worldē*: *That through the worlde went[e] the soun.*

§ 12. Apocope of A.S. *-n* in nouns is found in *H. F.* in the following words (cf. Child, § 15 ; ten Brink, §§ 203, 207).

eve (A.S. *æfen*, *ēfen*, *n.* and *m.*, L.^a. *æuen*, L.^b. *heue*, O. *efenn*), 876 f (: *leve* 1 *sg. pr. subj.*), 2106 f (: *leve* *n.*).

game (A.S. *gamen*, *gomen*, *n.*, L. *gomen*, *gamen*, *game*), 664 f, 822 f, 886 f, 1199 f, 1474 f ; *game*, 1810.

⚭ Rhyme words.—*Fame* *n.* (664, 822, 1199, 1474), *Iame* *pr. n.* (886).
morwe (A.S. *morgen*, *margen*, *m.*, L. *morȝen*, *morȝe*, *morwe*, P. Pl. *morwe*, *morwen*), *morwë* *how*, 225 ; *morwë* *or*, 2106.
wyndmelle (A.S. *wind* + *mylen*, *m.*), 1280 f (: *telle* *inf.*).

§ 13. *Hand* (A.S. *hond*, *fem. u-stem.*).

honde (A.S. *hond*, *hand*, *f.*, L. *hond*, *hand*, *dat. hande*, *honde*, O. *hand*, *wip̃ hand*, *hande*), *on honde*, 1009 f (: *stonde* 3 *pl. pr. ind.*) ; *in honde*, 1877 f (: *stonde* 1 *sg. pr. ind.*) ; *in hys honde*, 171 f (: *of the londe*) ; *with your ryght honde*, 322 f (: *bonde* *n. nom.*) ; *on my ryght hond(e)*, 1294 f (: *fonde* 1 *sg. pt. ind.*) ; *hande hit*, 741.

It will be observed that final *-e* is written in all the examples cited. Moreover, this *-e* uniformly appears in all other authorities save 171 (BPC). Certainly it is sounded in the phrases *on honde*, *in honde*, (1009, 1877), — the rhyme words evidence that. But it is clearly wrong when rhyming with *fonde*, 1 *sg. pt. ind.* (1294). Is it not probable then that *-e* is equally idle in 171, 322? Note the rhyme words. *Wi.*, *Sk.* and *He.*, however, all retain *-e*.

§ 14. The following masculine and neuter nouns which in Anglo-Saxon end in a consonant in the nominative, sometimes or always take an *-e* in one or more cases in *H. F.* :

(i.) masculine *o*-stems, — *circul*, *clūd*, *epistol*, *fēr* (*fēr*), *-hād*, *hēap*, *heofon*, *hræfn*, *mūð*, *pīn*, *slāp*, *weg* ; (ii.) neuter *o*-stems, — *bond*, *cræt*, *fȳr*, *gæt* (*geat*), *gēar* (*gēr*), *gōd*, *hūs*, *līf*, *lond*, *scip*, *swefen* (*swefn*), *tempel*, *wolcen* ; (iii.) neuter *i*-stems, — *gefēr*, (*ge*)*wiht* ; (iv.) masculine consonant-stem, — *fot*.

The MSS. of the *Hous of Fame* are very imperfect, and in almost numberless cases final *-e* is written uniformly when it manifestly has no value. Scansion is a nearly infallible test of this when the word occurs within the verse, and at the end the rhyme-word frequently settles the matter with certainty. Disregarding then the cases in which *-e* can thus be proved idle, these words seem to have final *-e* mainly in certain “ petrified phrases ” (cf. Kluge in Paul’s *Grundriss*, I, 900). These are the phrases which have led to the belief

that the regular ending of the dative in Chaucer is *-e*, whereas, as a matter of fact, the dative occurs much more commonly without *-e* than with it. It is in these idiomatic phrases that *-e* is sounded, — phrases which had probably come to be accepted and written without analysis and without conscious inflection (compare the modern acceptance of such expressions as *afire*, *alive*, *asleep*). The dative ending was preserved in these idioms, but the force of the dative as such was no longer felt (cf. Kittredge and Manly, § 14). This is pretty certainly the explanation of final *-e* in the following phrases found in *H. F.*: *for fere*, *a fire*, *a lyve*, *on lyve*, *on slepe*, *to yere*. To these we may add with reasonable certainty *to goode*, *on an hepe*, and perhaps *to shippe*. With these we should include *in fere*, unless we take it that *gefēr* has been influenced by *gefēra*.

But no such explanation accounts for *fote* in *half a fote*, *a fote brede of space*; and the same remark holds for *mouthē*, *pyne*, both of which follow prepositions. In the case of *bonde*, *-hede*, *house*, *londe*, there is at least reasonable doubt whether *-e* should be pronounced. In *cercle* (A.S. *circul*) and *temple* (A.S. *tempel*) the *-e* is compensatory for the loss of an interior vowel. Compare also *heuene* (A.S. *heofon*), *sweuene* (A.S. *swefen*), *wolkene* (A.S. *wolcen*), in which it is hard to say whether the ultimate or the penultimate *-e* is sounded. For many examples of idle final *-e* in masculine and neuter nouns, see § 18, below.

bonde (A.S. *band*, *n.* (*bande*, *pl.*, *Pet. Chron.*), Sweet, 254; but the regular A.S. form is *bend*, *m.* and *f.*, see Sievers, § 266, n. 2; O. *band*), *nom.*, 321 f (: with your ryght honde). But is *-e* sounded here? It is uniformly written, and Sk. and He. retain it. See, however, observation under *honde*, § 13.

borde, see § 18.

carte (A.S. *cræt*, *n.*, L. *carte*, O. *karrte*, P. Pl. *cart-whel*), Hym *slowe* and *fer* from the *cart* cast[e], 956. But PCT are more likely correct: Hym *slowe* and *fro* the *cart* [ē] cast[e]. — *carte*, *nom.*, 944; *carte*, *acc.*, 943.

cercle (A.S. *circul*, *m.*, but influenced by O. F. *cercle*), *nom.*, 815; *sercle*, *nom.*, 791; a *litel roundell* as a *sercle*, 791 f (: *couercle n.*).

cloude (A.S. *clūd*, *m.*, L. *clude*), *acc.*, 978.

deth, see § 18.

epistile (A.S. *epistol*, *pistol*, *m.*), *acc.*, 379.

fere (A.S. *gefēr*, *n.*, perhaps influenced by *gefēra*, *m.*, or even confused with it; L^a. *ifere*, *iueore*), in *fere*, 250 f (: *manere n.*).

fere (A.S. *fær*, *fēr*, *m.*), for fere, 604, 1042; in al hys fere, 174 f (: were 3 *pl. pt. ind.*); fere, *acc.*, 607.

fire (A.S. *fȳr*, *n.*, L. *fur*, *dat.* *fure*, O. *fir*), a fire, 1858 f (: hire *n.*); fire, *nom.*, 2078; be fire, 742; of fire, *1976.

fote (A.S. *fōt*, *m.*, L. *fot*, *dat.* *fote*, O. *fot*, o *fot*, *wip̃p fote*), half a foote, 1345; A fote brede of space, 2042. — barefote, 98.

goode (A.S. *gōd*, *n.*, O. *god*, *inn gode*, *forr gode*), to goode, 1 f, 58 f (*both*: Roode *n.*); good(e), *acc.*, 1714 f (: woode *pred. adj. pl.*), 1748 f (: for wode *madly*). — goode, *acc.*, 1088; good (+ *cons.*), *acc.*, 1566, 1998; good (+ *vowel*), 1628, 1795, 1975.

grounde, see § 18.

-hede (suffix, A.S. *hād*, *m.*, L.^b *child-hode*, *man-edē*; O. *maz̃denn-had*, *maz̃p̃-had*; P. Pl. *maiden-hod*, *man-hede*, *man-hod*, *knyght-hod*), *godelyhede*, 330 f (: *dede n.*); *godelyhed(e)*, 273 f (: *hede n. acc.*). It is quite certain that -e is not pronounced in the latter example, and the same may be true of the first.

hepe (A.S. *hēap*, *m.*, L. *hæp*, *hep*, *dat.* -e), on an hepe, 2148 f (: *lepe inf.*).

heuene (A. S. *heofon*, *m.*, also L. W. S. *heofone*, *f.*, Bright, s. v., L. *heouene*, *heofne*, O. *heoffne*, *heffne*), in heuene, 1008 f, 1254 f; heuene, *acc.*, 1375 f; *before consonants*, (*disyllabic*), to the heuene, 164; to heuene, 591; of heuen, 1087; *before vowels*, to the heuene, 495; be-twexen heuene, 715; in heuen, 949; amyddys . . . heuēn, 846.

Rhyme words. — sevene (1008, 1375), nevene *inf.* (1254).

hors, see § 18.

house (A.S. *hūs*, *n.*, O. *hus*), to Fames house, 786 f (: of a Mouse). In this example the several authorities are a unit in showing -e, and Wi., Sk. and He. retain it. It seems quite probable, however, that this -e should not be sounded. — in al that hous that, 1064; this hous hath, 1945; vpon thiȝ hous tho, 1989; in this hous was, 2030; hous (+ *vowel*), 891, 1070, 1105, 1114, 1925, 1935, 1977, 1987, 2121; house 484, 655, 663, 821, 882, 1023; house, *nom.*, 1942; house, *acc.*, 1920; in fames house, 1027.

londe (A.S. *land*, *lond*, *n.*, L. *lond*, *dat.* *londe*, O. *land*, P. Pl.^a *lond*, P. Pl.^b *dat.* *londe*), of the londe, 172 f (: in hys honde); withouten . . . lond(e), 485 f (: [of] sonde); ouer al thys londe, 348. But -e can hardly be sounded in the second example in rhyme, and it is doubtful if it should be in the first; see remarks under *honde*, § 13, above.

lyve (A.S. lif, *n.*, L. lif, on liue, bi life, bi liue, O. lif, *dat.* lif, life), on lyve, 1168 f, a lyve, 2055 f.

Rhyme word. — describe (discryve) *inf.*

lyf(e) *acc.*, 176 f, 423 f, 457 f; lyfe, *nom.*, 36; lyfe, *acc.*, 258; lyfe, *acc.*, 1414; *phrases*, al thy lyf(e) (*acc. of time*), 200 f; of lyf(e), 1963 f. In the foregoing examples FBT regularly show final *-e*, while PC lack it. Wi., Sk. and He. omit *-e* except in 1963. The justification for this distinction is not apparent.

Rhyme words. — wife *n.* (176, 200, 423, 457), stryfe *n.* (1963).

mouthē (A.S. mūð, O. muþ, A.R. muð, O. & N. muþ), Out of his trumpes mouthē smelde, 1685; Of euery Philosophres mouthē, 757 f (: kouthē *adv.*); to hys mouth(e) (BPC mouth), 1679 f (: southē *adv.*); fro mouthē to mouth(e) (BC mouth), 2076 f (: southē *adv.*). It can hardly be that *-e* is sounded in the last two examples.

pyne (A.S. pin, *m.* (?), L. O. pine), with ful moche pyne, 147 f (: Labyne *pr. n.*); of the derke pyne, 1512 f (: Prosperpyne *pr. n.*); with al[le] pyne he, 222.

Ravene (A.S. hræfn, hræm, *m.*), *acc.*, 1004.

shippe (A.S. scip, *n.*, L. scip, schip, *dat.* schipe, P.Pl. ship, schup), to shippe, 420.

slepe (A.S. slæp, *m.*, L^a. on slæpe, L^b. a-slepe, O. slæp, o slæpe), on slepe, 114; the god of slepe, 69; to slepe, 112.

sothe, see § 18.

swevene (A.S. swefen, swefn, *n.*, L^a. sweven, sweoven, *dat.* swefne, L^b. sweven, *dat.* swevene, P.Pl^a. swevene), 9 f (: evene *adv.*); sweuenē, *acc.*, 79.

temple (A.S. tempel *n.*), 469, 1858; temple, 1844.

tovne, see § 18.

welkene (A.S. wolcen, wolcn, *n.*, *pl.* wolcnu, *Pet. Chron.* se wolcne, L. weolcne, wolcne, P.Pl^b. walkene, welkne, P.Pl^c. wolkene), in alle the welkene (*or* welkene), 1601.

weye (A.S. weg, *m.*, L^a. wæi, wai, wei, weie, L^b. wai, way; *dat.* L^a. waie, waiȝe, etc., L^b. weie, waye, O. weȝe), of the wey[e], 714 f (: sey *inf.*); but C alone shows *-e*. — wey(e), *acc.*, 937 f (: parfeye); all the wey, 969; be no way, 1258; goo your wey, 1622, 1561 f (: welaway); a forlonge way, 2064.

wife, see § 18.

wight[e] (A.S. gewiht, *n.*, also gewihtē, *n.* (Sweet, 896), L^a. wiht, L^b. weht, O. wehhte), 739 f (: hight *n.*); but the several authorities lack *-e* uniformly.

yate (A.S. *gæt*, W. S. *geat*, *n.*, L. *ǣt*, *ǣt*, *ǣte*, *ǣte*, O. *ǣte*), *acc.*, 1294.

yere (A.S. *gēar*, *gār*, *gēr*, *n.*, L. *ǣr*, *dat.* *ǣre*, O. *ǣr*), to yere, 84 f (: here 3 *pl. pr. subj.*). — euery yere, 302.

§ 15. The following nouns (chiefly Germanic), for which no corresponding Anglo-Saxon etymons can be cited, sometimes or always end in H. F. in *-e* :

(A.) Suspicious or uncertified Anglo-Saxon words, —

mone (A.S. **mān*, inferred from *mānan*), *wenche* (A.S.

**wencel*, *pl.* *winclo*). (B.) Words from Old Norse, —

lathe, *lofte*, *sherte*, *skye*, *trust*, *tydyng*, *wyndowe*. (C.)

Probable Middle-English formations from Anglo-Saxon

words, — *bete*, *clappe*, *drede*, *ferde*, *hede*, *swappe*, *wente*.

(D.) Of doubtful etymology, — *gonne*, *were*.

bete (A.S. *bēatan*, *vb.*), with stormes *bete*, 1150 f (: *hete n.*).

clappe (A.S. *clappan*, *vb.*; cf. M.Du. *klap*, O.H.G. *chlaph*), 1040.

drede (A.S. *drædan*, *vb.*, L. *dred*, *drede*, P.Pl. *dre(e)de*), 31 f, 551 f, 723 f, 830 f, 1142 f, 1456 f, 1913 f; *drede*, 1971. — *drede*, 292.

Rhyme words. — *bede inf.* (31), *dede inf.* (551), *nede adv.* (723),

stede n. (830), *rede inf.* (1142, 1456), *lede inf.* (1913).

ferde (A.S. *færan*, *vb.*; cf. M. H. G. *ge-værde*, *f.*, *n.*, 'betrug'), for *ferde*, 950.

gonne (Celtic? cf. Sheldon, s.v. *gun*), 1643 f (: *ronne pp.*).

hede (cf. O.Fris. *hûde*, *hōde*, O.H.G. *huota*, *f.*; P.Pl.^b. *hede*), 787.

lathe (O.N. *hlaða*, *f.*), 2140 f (: *rathe adv.*).

lofte (A.S. on *lofte* (Napier, *M.L.N.*, V, 278, Kluge, Paul's *Grundriss*, I, 786; from O. Norw., O. Icel. *loft*, *n.*, later Icel. *lopt*), on *lofte*, 1726 f (: *softe adv.*).

moone (A.S. **mān*, cf. *mānan*, *vb.*; P.Pl.^c. *mone*), 362 f (: to done *ger. inf.*).

shert[e] (A.S. *scyrte*, *f.*; from O.N. *skyrta*, *f.*; L. *scurte*, P.Pl.^c. *sherte*), That with a *shert[e]* hys lyfe les, 1414.

skye (O.N. *ský*, *n.*), 1600 f (: *hye adv.*).

swappe (A.S. **swāp*, cf. *swāpan*, *vb.*), in a *swappe*, 543.

trust (O.N. *traust*, *n.*), 1971 (+ *vowel*).

tydyng (cf. O.N. *tīðindi*, *m.*, L. *tidinge*), for oo *tydyng*,

2109 f (: *wringe inf.*). — *tydyng*, 648, 2045, 2072, 2111,

2134; *tydyng*, 2066.

wenche (A.S. **wencel*, *pl.* *winclo*, O. *wenche*, P.Pl.^a. *wenche*), 206 f (: *drenche inf.*).

went[e] (A.S. *wend*, *f.* ?), 182 f (: *went* 3 *pl. pt. ind.*).
were (Scotch *weir*, cf. Skeat, *Minor Poems, Glossary*), in a were,
979 f (: here *adv.*).

wyndowe (O.N. *vindauga*, *n.*, P.Pl. *windowe*), At a wyndowē
yn me broughte, 2029. But CT are probably correct : And
at a wyndowe yn me broughte. — wyndowe, 2084 ; wyndowē,
2091.

- § 16. The following monosyllables may be put together : *sā*
(*i*-stem *m.*, *f.*), *strēaw* (*wo*-stem, *m.*), *trēo(w)* (*wo*-stem, *n.*),
wā (*intj.*).

see (A.S. *sā*, partly *m.*, partly *f.*, cf. Sievers, § 266, n. 3 ; L.
sæ, *se*, O. *sæ*), 133 f, 255 f, 715 f, 748 f, 751 f, 846 f, 903 f,
1034 f ; *se*, 417 f ; see, 238, 923, 1361, 1984.

Rhyme words. — *partee* (133), *shee pro.* (255), *three adj.* (715,
846), see *inf.* (748), *bee* 3 *pl. pr. ind.* (751), *hee pro.* (903,
1034), *be inf.* (417).

stre (A.S. *strēaw*, *strāw-berie*, *strēa(w)berie*, North *strē*,
Rush. *strēu*, Sievers, §§ 112, n. 1 and 3, 250 n. 1 ; P.Pl.^{bc}.
strawe), 363 f (: *he pro.*).

tree (A.S. *trēo(w)*, *n.*, North *trē*, *trēo*, *trēu(o)*, Sievers, § 250,
2 ; L. *treo*, O. *treo*, *tre*), 484 f (: see *inf.*), 1108 f (: see
1 sg. pr. subj.).

woo (A.S. *wā*, *intj.*, cf. *wea*, *wk. m.*, L. *wa*, O. *wa*, *wa33*),
what me ys woo, 300 f (: *two*) ; a woo and routhe, 396.

- § 17. In the following nouns final -y comes from the vocaliza-
tion of an Anglo-Saxon -g. Cf. also *wey* (§ 14), *lady* (§ 5).
body (A.S. *bodig*, *n.*), 981, 1063, 1081, 1230 (*slur*), 1759.
day (A.S. *dæg*, *m.*), 111 f (: *lay 1 sg. pt. ind.*), 227 f (: *array*
n.), 1284 f (: *say vidi*) ; *day*, 63, 1157, 1951.

- § 18. The following masculine and neuter nouns, which in
Anglo-Saxon end in a consonant in the nominative, take
no -e in *H.F.* even in the dative.

(i.) Masculine *o*-stems,¹ (a) monosyllabic, *brēð*, *catt* (?),
ceap, *cinn*, *cleric*, *cniht*, *copp*, *cræft*, *cwealm*, *cyning*, *dēað*, *dōm*,
drēam, *fisc*, *flod* (*m.*, *n.*), *gāst*, *ge-þoht*, *god*, *grund*, *heals*,
hearm, *hām*, *hōd*, *horn*, *hring*, *hrōf*, *lust*, *stān*, *strēam*, *taegl*,
top(p), *tūn*, *weall*, *wind* ; (b) dissyllabic, *castel*, *dēofol*, (*m.*,
n.), *eornest*, *fugol*, *hlāford*, *þunor*, *tācen* ; (ii.) neuter *o*-stems,

¹ *U*-stems that have in Anglo-Saxon completely identified themselves
with the *o*-declension are not here distinguished from *o*-stems.

—(a) monosyllabic, *bæc*, *blōd*, *bord*, *bræs*, *brēost*, *būr*, *corn*, *fers*, *folc*, *ge-sceap*, *glæs*, *gold*, *græs*, *hær*, *hors*, *hwēol*, *īs*, *lēac*, *lēad*, *leoht*, *los*, *mist*, *rīm*, *scinn*, *sond*, *sōð*, *þing*, *weorc*, *wif*, *wit(t)*, *word*; (b) dissyllabic, *brægen*, *furlong*, *hēafod*, *iren*, *tæppet*, *timber*, *wæter*, *wundor*; (iii.) masculine *jo*-stem, — *pyt(t)*; (iv.) masculine *i*-stems, — *dæl*, *dynt*, *gest*, *hyll*; (v.) neuter *i*-stem, — *flæsc*; (vi.) masculine *u*-stems, — *feld*, *sumor*; (vii.) masculine consonant-stems, — *frēond*, *monn* (and compounds); (viii.) neuter consonant-stem, — *cild*.

NOTE. — In the above list are included: (1) nouns which show no *-e*; (2) nouns in which a final *-e* is elided before vowel or *h*, and which have not been observed in the *Troilus* or *L. G. W.* with sounded *-e*; (3) nouns in which final *-e* is manifestly unsounded; (4) a few nouns at the end of the verse, in some of which it is barely possible that *-e* should be pronounced, — *corn*, *hēafod*, *hōd*, *horn*, *lēac*, *sond*, *tūn*, *weal(l)*, *word*.

bak(e) (A.S. *bæc*, *n.*), *behynde hys bak(e)*, 977 f; at my *bak(e)*, 1869 f; on *hys bakke*, 169.

Rhyme word. — *spake 1 and 3 sg. pt. ind.*

blood(e) (A.S. *blōd*, *n.*), *acc.*, 201 f (: *woode pred. adj. sg.*), with *tigres blode*, 1459.

bonde, see § 14.

borð (A.S. *bord*, *n.*), *ouer borð*, 438.

bour(e) (A.S. *būr*, *n.*), *nom.*, 1186 f (: *toure n.*).

bras (A.S. *bræs*, *n.*), *table of bras*, 142 f; *trumpe of bras*, 1637 f.

Rhyme word. — *was 3 sg. pt. ind.*

brayn (A.S. *brægen*, *n.*), *of my brayn*, 525; *of her brayn(e)*, 24 f (: *sayne 3 pl. pr. ind.*).

breſt (A.S. *brēost*, *n.*), *in my breſt*, 1109.

breth (A.S. *bræð*, *m.*), *nom.*, 1684.

castel (A.S. *castel*, *m.*), 1162, 1176, 1185, 1196, 1294, 1917, 1919.

catt(e) (A.S. *catt*, *m.*), *lyke the swynt[e] catt(e)*, 1783 f (: *whatte pro.*).

chepe (A.S. *cēap*, *m.*), *of chepe*, 1974.

child (A.S. *cild*, *n.*), *nom.*, 920.

chyn (A.S. *cin*, *m.*), *in . . . chyn*, 1230 f (: *skyn n.*).

clerk (A.S. *cleric*, *clerc*, *m.*), *nom.*, 1487.

cop (A.S. *copp*, *m.*), *vpon the cop*, 1166.

corn(e) (A.S. *corn*, *n.*), *of grene corn(e)*, 1224 f (: *horne n. nom.*). *C* alone, however, lacks *-e*. *Wi.* has *corn*; *Sk.* and *He.* retain *-e*.

craftē (A.S. cræft, *m.*), *nom.*, 1213; *acc.*, 1100.

del (A.S. dæ̃l, *m.*), euerydel, *acc.*, 880 f; dele, *acc.*, 331; euerydel(e), *nom.*, 1129 f; *acc.*, 65 f; be a thousande del(e), 1495 f.

Rhyme words. — wel *adv.* (880, 1495), wele *adv.* (65), stele *n.* (1129).

deth (A.S. dēað, *m.*), *nom.*, 323, 502; dethe, *acc.*, 404; of my deth, 325; fro the dethe, 413; of deeth, 1963.

deuel (A.S. dēofol, *m., n.*), The deuel be hys soules bane, 408; fouler than the deuel, 1638.

dom(e) (A.S. dōm, *m.*), of her dom(e), 1905 f (: come 1 *sg. pt. ind.*).

dreme (A.S. drēam, *m.*), *nom.*, 9, 50; *acc.*, 1, 58; dreme, *acc.*, 62, 517, 527; of my dreme, 511; in dreme, 917.

dynt (A.S. dynt, *m.*), *nom.*, 534.

englissh (A.S. englisc, *adj.*), *acc.*, 510.

ernest (A.S. eornest, -ost, *m., f.*), in ernest, 822.

felde (A.S. feld, *m.*), *nom.*, 486; feld(e), *acc.*, 482 f; in the Feld(e), 540 f.

Rhyme word. — behelde 1 and 3 *sg. pt. ind.*

fyssh (A.S. fisc, *m.*), *nom.*, 751; fissh, *acc.*, 1784; fisshe, *acc.*, 1003.

flesh (A.S. flæsc, *n.*), *nom.*, 49.

floode (A.S. flōd, *m., n.*), *nom.*, 72; in floode, 751.

folke, see § 43.

forlonge (A.S. furlong, furlang, *n.*), a forlonge way, 2064.

foule (A.S. fugol, *m.*), *nom.*, 539.

frende (A.S. frēond, *m.*), *voc.*, 1871, 1873; frende, *nom.*, 582.

gest (A.S. gæst, gest, giest, gyst, gist, *m.*), *acc.*, 288 f (: lest *n.*).

glas (A.S. glæs, *n.*), *nom.*, 1289 f; of glas, 120 f, 1124 f.

Rhyme word. — was *pt. sg. ind.*

God (A.S. god, *m., n.*), *nom.*, 1; god, *nom.*, 74; vnto the god of slepe, 69; to this god, 77.

gold (A.S. gold, *n.*), *nom.*, 1387; golde, *nom.*, 272; with gold, 1386; of gold, 1346; of golde, 122, 1765; of golde, 503, 1678; of gold(e), 530 f (: tolde *pp.*).

gost (A.S. gāst, *m.*), in gost, 981 f (: wost 2 *sg. pr. ind.*); gost(e), *nom.*, 185 f (: oste *n.*).

grass (A.S. græs, W.S. gærs, *n.*), withouten . . . grass, 485.

greke (A.S. Grēc, Crēc), throgh the greke Synon, 152.

grounde (A.S. grund, *m.*), fro the grounde, 905.

hals (A.S. heals, *m.*), ryght be the hals, 393 f (: fals *pred. adj. sg.*).

- harmę (A.S. *hearm*, *m.*), *nom.*, 99, 383 ; *acc.*, 265, 577, 1566 ;
 harme, *acc.*, 1045, 1677.
 hede (A.S. *hēafod*, *n.*), *acc.*, 632, 1021 ; hed(e), *acc.*, 136 f
 (: rede *adj. sg. def. post.*) ; hed(e), *acc.*, 273 f (: godelyhede
n.) ; hed(e), *acc.*, 1702 f (: dede *pred. adj. pl.*) ; in thy
 hede, 621 ; by my hed(e), 1875 f (: dede *adj. sg. pred.*) ; in
 myn hede, 1103 ; with her hed she, 1375. — in my heued,
 550 f (: a-sweued *pp.*).
 heere (A.S. *hēr*, *n.*), *nom.*, 1386.
 hille (A.S. *hyll*, *m.*), of this hille, 1152 ; vp the hille, 1166.
 hod(e) (A.S. *hōd*, *m.*), in her hod(e), 1810 f (: wode *pred.*
adj. pl.). All authorities show -e, however, and Sk. and He.
 retain it ; not so Wi.
 home (A.S. *hām*, *m.*), thou goost home, 655.
 horn(e) (A.S. *horn*, *m.*), *nom.*, 1223 f (: of grene corne).
 All authorities have -e, which Sk. and He. retain ; Wi., how-
 ever, drops it.
 hors (A.S. *hors*, *n.*), made the hors broght, 155.
 house, see § 14.
 knyghte (A.S. *cniht*, *m.*), *nom.*, 226.
 kyng(e) (A.S. *cyning*, *cyng*, *m.*), *nom.*, 159, 515, 916 ; kyng(e),
nom., 105, 1789 ; with kyng(e), 453 ; by heuen kyng(e),
 1084 f (: thyng(e) *n.*).
 lede (A.S. *lēad*, *n.*), *nom.*, 739 ; of lede, 1431, 1445 ; lede,
nom., 1448 ; led(e), *acc.*, 1648 f (: rede *pred. adj. sg.*).
 lek(e) (A.S. *lēac*, *n.*), *acc.*, 1708 f (: eke *adv.*). But -e is
 uniformly written by all authorities.
 les (? A.S. *lēas*, *adj.*), withouten les, 1464 f (: Achilles).
 londe, see § 14.
 lord (A.S. *hlāford*, *m.*), *voc.*, 1395 ; lorde, *voc.*, 1393 ; lorde,
nom., 206 ; lord(e), 258 f (: at oo worde). In the last
 example all save C show -e, but Wi., Sk. and He. all omit it.
 losse (A.S. *los(s)*, *n.*), For ese of you and losse of tyme, 1256.
 luste (A.S. *lust*, *m.*), *acc.*, 258.
 lest (cf. A.S. *lystan*), be . . . her nyce lest, 287 f (: gest *n.*).
 lyght (A.S. *leoht*, *n.*), of lyght, 1091 f (: myght *n.*).
 man (A.S. *monn*, *mann*, *m.*), 10, 32, 60, 99 f, 144 f, etc., etc.
 mouthe, see § 14.
 myst(e) (A.S. *mist*, *m.*), 352 f (: wiste *pp. sg.*).
 pitte (A.S. *pyt(t)*, *n.*), *nom.*, 1654.
 qwalme (A.S. *cwealm*, *cwalm*, *m.*), of qwalme, 1968.
 roof (A.S. *hrōf*, *m.*), *nom.*, 1344 ; on the rove, 1948.
 ryme (A.S. *rīm*, *n.*), *nom.*, 1096 ; in Ryme, 623.
 ryng(e) (A.S. *hring*, *m.*), *nom.*, 1740 f (: thyng(e) *n.*).

shap (A.S. *gesceap*, *n.*), *acc.*, 1113.

skyn (A.S. *scinn*, *n.*, A.S. Chr. 1075; from O.N. *skinnu*), *acc.*, 1230 f (: *chyn n.*).

slepe, see § 14.

sonde (A.S. *sand*, *sond*, *n.*), [of] sonde, 486 f (: *londe n.*).

But the several authorities show *-e* uniformly.

somer (A.S. *sumor*, *m.*), in somer, 1947.

sothe (A.S. *sōð*, *n.*), *nom.*, 351; sooth, *acc.*, 1552 (+ *vowel*); sothe, *acc.*, 2108; *acc. in phrases*, soth for to, 563, 1368; sothe for to, 563, 960; soth to, 1842; sothe to, 1388, 1804, 1417; the sothe to, 1509; *other phrases*, of . . . sooth (+ *cons.*), 1029; in sooth (+ *cons.*), 1057. — But, — for sothē, *adv.*, 1873.

sterisman (A.S. *stēormann*, *m.*), *acc.*, 436 f (: began 3 *sg. pt. ind.*).

ston, stoon (A.S. *stān*, *m.*), *nom.*, 656 f, 739, 1123, 1605 f; *acc.*, 790 f; of ston (ston), 70 f, 1184, 1584 f; of the ston, 1933 f; vpon a stoon, 1991 f.

Rhyme words. — anoon *adv.* (70, 656, 790, 1605), gou (goon) *inf.* (1584, 1933, 1991).

streme (A.S. *strēam*, *m.*), vpon a streme, 71.

taylle (A.S. *tægl*, *tægel*, *m.*), *acc.*, 880.

thing (A.S. *þing*, *n.*), *nom.*, (+ *vowel*), 1367, 2147; *nom.*, thyngē, 730; euery thingē, 753, 835; any thingē, 738; thyngē, 739, 746, 781, 1292; euery thingē, 351, 828; thyng(e), 733 f, 1083 f; *acc.*, thing (+ *cons.*), 1020, 1650, 1774; thing (+ *vowel*), 2002; thingē, 587, 1279; thingē, 1068, 2060; euery thingē, 1291; thing(e), 891 f; of thing that, 959; of thys thyng to, 239; of thys thyngē, 53; with somme maner thingē, 670; lyke a thyngē, 1124; for no maner other thing(e), 1699 f. — no thingē, *nom.*, 350, 1044; *acc.*, no thing nolde, 1780; nothyngē, 575; no-thingē, 425; *adv'l*, no thyngē, 1346; no thingē, 2032.

Rhyme words. — enclynyngē *n.* (734), knowyngē *n.* (891), kyngē *n.* (1083), askyngē *n.* (1699).

thonder (A.S. *þunor*, *m.*), of thonder, 534 f, 608 f; lowde as any thunder, 1681 f.

Rhyme word. — wonder *n.*

thought (A.S. *geþoht*, *m.*), *nom.*, 1923 f; *acc.*, 1174 f; *voc.*, 523; in her thoght, 92 f; in thoght, 329; of thought, 973.

Rhyme words. — y-wrought *pp.* (1174, 1924), noghte *adv.* (92).

tipet (A.S. *tæppet*, *n.*), on thy tipet, 1841.

token (A.S. *tācen*, *tācn*, *n.*), *acc.*, 911 f (: spoken *pp.*). F B P
lack the verse.

toppe (A.S. *top(p)*, *m.*), *acc.*, 880.

toun (A.S. *tūn*, *m.*), *acc.*, 484 f (: Region *n.*) ; in euery toun,
1580 f (: *clarioun n.*) ; withouten . . . *tozne*, 484 ; *tovn(e)*,
acc., 890 f (: *adovne adv.*) ; in the *tovn(e)*, 1849 f (: of
grete renovne).

tymber (A.S. *timber*, *n.*), *nom.*, 1980.

vers (A.S. *fers*, *n.* ; cf. O.F. *vers*), *nom.*, 1098.

walle (A.S. *weal(l)*, *m.*), on a walle, 141 ; wall(e) (F *alone -e*),
nom., 1343 f (: *alle omnia*) ; on the wall(e) (F *alone -e*),
211 f (: with-*alle*). There seems no real ground for the
distinction made by Wi., Sk. and He. in retaining *-e* in 211
and omitting it in 1343, particularly when the variants in
both cases uniformly lack *-e*.

water (A.S. *wæter*, *n.*), on water, 789 ; of the watir, 814.

werke (A.S. *weorc*, *n.*), of olde(*l. golde*) *werke*, 127 ; of good
werke(s), 1558.

wif(e) (A.S. *wif*, *n.*), *nom.*, 175 f ; to hys wif(e), 424 f, 458 f.

Rhyme word. — lyfe *n. acc.*

wit (A.S. *wit(t)*, *n.*), *nom.*, 1180 ; *acc.*, wit, 1898 f ; wyt,
950 f, 1175 ; wyttē, 16 ; wytt(e), 328 f, 620 f ; of wit, 1972 ;
to my witt(e), 702 f, 1377 f ; to my wyttē, 3.

Rhyme words. — yit *adv.* (328, 950, 1898), yitte *adv.* (620, 1377),
hytte *pro.* (702).

wynde (A.S. *wind*, *m.*), *acc.*, 1598 ; wynde, *nom.*, 1803 ; with
wynde, 230 ; the god of wynd(e), 1571 f (: *blynde, pred.*
adj. sg.). But the passage in which the last example occurs
is corrupt. CT show *wynde* rhyming with *fynde inf.*, and
Sk. and He. adopt this reading ; not so Wi.

wele (A.S. *hwēol*, *n.*), *nom.*, *794 ; *acc.*, 1450 ; whel(e), *acc.*,
794 f (: *wel adv.*).

woman (A.S. *wīfmann*, *m.*), *nom.*, 261, 269, 279, 1082.

wonder (A.S. *wundor*, *n.*), *nom.*, 913 ; *acc.*, 533 f, 607 f,
1069 f, 1378, 1682 f ; wounder, *acc.*, 806 f.

Rhyme words. — thonder (thunder) *n.* (533, 607, 1682), vnder
adv. (806), yonder *adv.* (1069).

word (A.S. *word*, *n.*), *nom.*, 881 ; *acc.*, 1080 ; with this word,
884, 960 ; of euery word, 877 ; worde, *nom.*, 809 ; *acc.*, 819,
1077 ; with this worde, 2027 ; with that worde, 1567 ; with
this worde, 1046, 1085 ; at oo word(e), 257 f (: *lorde n.*
nom.). In the last example the several authorities are at one
in writing *-e*.

yren (A.S. *īren*, *n.*), *nom.*, 1446; of yren, 1466, 1498; of . . . yren, 1431, 1445, 1482.
yse (A.S. *īs*, *n.*), of yse, 1130.

The five Anglo-Saxon kinship nouns in *-r*, *fæder*, *mōdor*, *brōðor*, *sweostor*, *dohtor*, —

fader (A.S. *fæder*, *m.*), *nom.*, 194; *acc.*, 168; ffader, *acc.*, 442.
moder (A.S. *mōdor*, *f.*), *nom.*, 1983.
brother (A.S. *brōðor*, *m.*), *nom.*, 2101 f; *voc.*, 795 f, 816 f.

Rhyme word. — other *pro*.

suster (A.S. *sweostor*, *f.*), *nom.*, 1547; *acc.*, 419; on hir suster, 367.
doghtre (A.S. *dohtor*, *f.*), That kynges doghtre [was] of Trace, 391. P C T show *was*, and also spell *-er*.

§ 19. The following nouns of Germanic origin, which have no substantives to represent them in Anglo-Saxon, end in *H. F.* in a consonant :

A-bood (cf. A.S. *abīdan*, *vb.*), of A-bood, 1963.
basket (etym. dub.), amonge a basket, 1687.
bush (cf. O.N. *būskr*, *būski*, O.H.G. *busc*), withouten . . . bush, 485.
caste (O.N. *kasta*, *vb.*, *kōstr*, *m.*), *acc.*, 1178.
kep(e) (cf. A.S. *cēpan*, *vb.*), *acc.*, 437 f (: slepe 3 *sg. pt. ind.*).
look(e) (cf. A.S. *lōcian*, *vb.*), *nom.*, 657 f (: at another booke).
pot(-ful) (etym. dub.; cf. L.G., Du., Dan., Fr. *pot*), *acc.*, 1686.
skyll(e) (O.N. *skil*, *n.*), 726 f (: wille 1 *sg. pr. ind.*). B C T lack *-e*, but it may be that we should follow F B and retain it.
stroke (cf. A.S. *strīcan*, *vb.*), withe the stroke, 779.
swogh (cf. A.S. *swōgan*, *vb.*), *acc.*, 1031 f (: y-nogh *adv.*); for the swough, 1941.
tydyng, see § 15.

vnhappe (A.S. *un* + O.N. *happ*, *n.*), fro vnhappe, 89.

§ 20. In Romance nouns final *-e* (*-e* mute) is usually retained, both in writing and in sound, except for the regular elision. But there are a good many exceptions, in some of which the *-e* is preserved in writing but loses its value as a syllable, in others of which the *-e* is neither written nor pronounced. (Cf. Child, § 19; ten Brink, §§ 222, 223).

For details see the following sections (§§ 21-31). — § 21. Miscellaneous Romance nouns in *-e* which sometimes or always retain *-e* in *H. F.* — § 22. Exceptions to § 21. — § 23. *-aunce*. — § 24. *-ence*. — § 25. *-esse*. — § 26. *-ice*. — § 27. *-ure*. — § 28. *-ère*. — § 29. *chambre*, *ordre*, etc. — § 30. *-ÿe*, *-ÿe*. — § 31. *contràrye*, *stòry*, etc.

§ 21. Miscellaneous Romance nouns in *-e* (*-e* mute) which sometimes or always retain *-e* in *H. F.* A few words which have no direct French etymons are included in this list.

acorde, 1964. — age, 1986 f (: cage *n.*). — arrayage, 223 f (Cartage *pr. n.*). — Aryvayle, 451 f (: Itayle *pr. n.*). — bataylle, 1447 f (: faille *n.*). — bawine, 1686. — bible, 1334 f (: impossible *adj.*). — cage, 1985 f (: age *n.*). — càrbuncle, 1363. — cause, 369, 747, 1543, 1563, 1875, 1885; cause, 20, 52, 612. — cave, 70, 1584. — charge, 1439 f (: large *pred. adj. sg.*). — compleynt[e], 924 f (: dreynt 3 *sg. pt. ind.*); compleynt (+ *cons.*), *362. — cornëmusë and, 1218. — cote (armure), 1326. — couerle, 792 f (: sercle *n.*). — crevace, 2086 f (: pace *inf.*). — crowne, 1825 f (: sowne *inf.*). — cubite, 1370 f (: lyte *pred. adj. sg.*). — disese, 89 f (: plese *inf.*). — doute, 598 f, 2005 f (*both*: aboute *adv.*), 1037 f (: route *inf.*). — Egle, 499, 501, 991, 1110, 1990; Egle, 529. — entent[e], 2000 f, 2132 f (*both*: went 3 *sg. pt.*). — ese, 1753 f (: plese *inf.*), 1767 f (: lese *n.*); ese, 1750, 2020. — fable, 1479 f (: fauorable *adj.*). — face, 139, 1402, 925 f (: place *n.*). — faille, 188 f, 1448 f; fayle, 429 f.

Rhyme words. — Itayle (188, 429), batayle, *n.* (1448). —

Fame (fame), 305 f, 663 f, 821 f, 1146 f, 1200 f, 1276 f, 1311 f, 1406 f, 1412 f, 1461 f, 1473 f, 1490 f, 1555 f, 1609 f, 1619 f, 1695 f, 1715 f, 1735 f, 1762 f, 1815 f, 1848 f, 1872 f, 1899 f, 2111 f; 349, 844, 1023, 1070, 1560, 1662, 1674, 1709, 1712, 1728, 1836, 1902; Fame (fame), 703, 1404, 1436, 1485, 1502, 1510, 1545, 1617, 1852. In 1105 there may be apocope of *-e*: The Hous of Fame for to descryve. But C lacks *for*, and this is probably the correct reading.

Rhyme words. — game *n.* (663, 821, 1200, 1473), shame *n.* (1815), Dame *n.* (1848), name (the rest). —

famyne, 1974 f (: ruyne *n.*). — flaumbe, 769. — flowte, 1223. — fors, see § 22. — fortune, 1547 f (: in comune); fortune, 2016. — grace, 85 f, 240 f, 661 f, 1087 f, 1586 f, 1790 f, 2007 f; grace, 1550; grace, 1537.

Rhyme words. — place *n.* (85, 661, 1087), Trace *pr. n.* (1586, 1790), pace *inf.* (240), solace *inf.* (2007). —

herbe, 290 f (: *proverbe n.*). — heremyte, 659 f (: *lyte pred. adj. sg.*). — Ile, 416 f (: *while n.*); yle, 440 f (: *Cybile pr. n.*). — Iape, 414 f (: *escape inf.*); Iape, 96. — Ioye, 156 f, 1471 f (*both* : *Troye pr. n.*); ioy[e], 83, 1833. — langage, 861. — laude, 1575 f (: *hiraude inf.*); lawde, 1796 f (: *Isaude pr. n.*); Laude, 1673. — laure, 1107. — madame (Dame), 1553, 1842, 1863, 1847 f (: *fame n.*). — merite, 669 f (: *queyte inf.*), 2019 f (: *lyte pred. adj. sg.*). — Muse, 1399. — noyse, 1927 f (: *oyse pr. n.*); noyse, 1058; noyse, 783, 819, 1521; noyse, 1931, 2141. — oure, 1157 f (*poure inf.*). — peple, 360, 1745; pepil, 1283. — peyne, 232 f, 312 f (*both* : *pleyne inf.*); payne, 1118 f (: *spayne pr. n.*); peyn[e], 1570. — pilgrimage, 116. — place, 86 f, 662 f, 719 f, 842 f, 852 f, 926 f, 1088 f, 1111 f, 1163 f, 1169 f, 1237 f, 1356 f, 1459 f, 1956 f, 2041 f, 2092 f; 1893, 1914, 1996; placē hye, 1133; place, 834, 836, 843, 1047, 1115.

Rhyme words. — pace *inf.* (719, 842, 852, 1956, 2092), pace 1 *sg. pr. subj.* (1111), pace 1 *sg. pr. ind.* (1356), grace *n.* (86, 662, 1088), space *n.* (1237, 2041), face *n.* (926), compace *n.* (1169), deface *inf.* (1163), stace *pr. n.* (1459). —

pouche, 1349. — pouerte, 88. — preve, 989 f (*beleve inf.*); prevef (B P T *end in -e*), 878. — *proverbe*, 289 f (: *herbe n.*). — Realme, 704. — rethorike, 859 f (: *lyke inf.*). — roche, 1116 f (: *aproche inf.*); roche, 1123; roche, 1130. — route, 1703 f (: *loute inf.*), 1823 f, 2119 f (*both* : *about adv.*); route, 1771. — ruyne, 1974 f (: *famyne n.*). — Secte, 1432. — sir (+ *vowel*), 643. — space, 1054 f, 1238 f, 2042 f (*all* : *place n.*). — stewe (cf. O.F. *estuve*), 26. — table, 1278. — terme, 392. — trone, 1384; trone, 1397. — trumpe, 1240, 1670, 1672, 1865; trumpe, 1624, 1637, 1678, 1765.

§ 22. Exceptions to § 21.

best (O.F. *beste*), 1003 (+ *vowel*). — broche (O.F. *broche*), 1740. — Fantome (O.F. *fantosme*), 493; affaintome, *11. — fors (O.F. *force*), 999, 1011, 1910, — only in expression *no fors*, and in every case before consonants. — garlande (O.F. *garlande*), 135. — magike (O.F. *magique*), 1269 f (: *syke pred. adj. sg.*); magike(s), 1266. — marvaylle (O.F. *merveille*), 1372; but P C T show a verse without this word. — pelet (O.F. *pelote*, *pilote*), 1643 (+ *vowel*). — poete (O.F. *poete*), 1499; poète, 1483. The last verse is harsh, however it be read. — pres (O.F. *presse*), 167 f (: *Anchises*), 1633 f (*gilteles adv.*); prees, 1358, 1359 f (: *dees n.*). — sours (O.F. *sourse*), + *vowel*, 544, 551. — tempest (O.F. *tempeste*),

+ *vowel*, 435, 1036; + *consonant*, 220, 221; *tempeste*, 209.
— See also *prayer*, *ryver*, § 28.

§ 23. Nouns in *-aunce*, *-ance*.

This ending does not occur before a consonant in *H.F.* All rhyme-words are given except nouns in *-aunce*.
acustumaunce, 28 f. — *daunce*, 639 f (: *avaunce inf.*). — *dist-
aunce*, 18 f. — *dysordynaunce*, 27 f. — *gouvernaunce*, 945 f
(: *launce inf.*), 958 f. — *myschaunce*, 957 f. — *remembrance*,
1182 f. — *signifiaunce*, 17 f. — *substance*, 1181 f; *sub-
stance*, 768.

§ 24. Nouns in *-ence*.

This ending always rhymes with itself. In the single example before a consonant there is apocope of *-e*. (Cf. *ten Brink*, § 223).
abstinence, 20; *Abstynence*, 660. — *advertence*, 709 f. — *Apparence*, 265 f. — *cadence*, 623 f. — *diligence*, 1099 f. — *dis-
pence*, 260 f. — *existence*, 266 f. — *experience*, 788; *expe-
rience*, 878 f. — *reuerence*, 260 f, 624 f, 1426 f. — *science*,
1091. — *sentence*, 710 f, 776 f, 877 f, 1100 f, 1425 f; *sen-
tence*, 757. — *violence*, 775 f.

§ 25. (I.) Abstract nouns in *-esse*. (II.) Feminine nomina agentis in *-esse*.

Nouns in *-esse* commonly rhyme with nouns in *-esse*, *-nesse*. All other rhyme-words are indicated. In the single example before a consonant *-e* is omitted.

I. *distresse*, 26 f, 2012 f, 1589 f (: *presse inf.*). — *gentillesse*,
1611 f (: *blesse 3 sg. pr. subj.*). — *humblesse*, 630 f (: *blesse
3 sg. pr. subj.*). — *lârges* (+ *cons.*), 1309 (*bis*). — *noblesse*,
471 f, 1424 f, 971 f (: *Boesse pr. n.*). — *Richesse*, 472 f;
richesse, 1393 f; *rychesse*, 1423 f; *ryches* (*F alone lacks -e*),
1416 f. — For convenience *tresse* (O.F. *tresce*), 230 f, is
included in this list.

II. *godesse*, 1394 f; *goddes* (*F alone lacks -e*), 1415 f; *god-
desse*, 1406. — *hunteresse*, 229 f (: *tresse n.*).

§ 26. Nouns in *-yce*, *-yse*.

There is apocope of *-e* in the single example before a con-
sonant.

Iustice, 1820 f (: *vice n.*). — *seruyse*, 626. — *vice*, 276 f
(: *nyce adj.*), 1819 f (: *Iustice n.*); *vice* (*so CT*; *FB vices*,
monosyl., which is impossible), 1834.

§ 27. Nouns in *-ure*.

For apocope, see *paraquenture*, 792 ; for *-ë* before a consonant, see *auentur[e]*, 2090. Except as indicated, nouns in the following list rhyme only with each other.

armure (cote armure), 1326 f. — *auenture*, 463 f, 1297 f, 1982 f (: *endure inf.*) ; *auentur[e]*, 2090 ; *auenture*, 1052 ; *perauenture*, 304 f (: *dure 3 sg. pr. subj.*) ; *paraquenture*, 792 ; *paraudenture*, 1997. — *creature*, 489 f, 1365 f, 2040 f. — *cure*, 464 f, 1298 f. — *figure*, 132 f. — *nature*, 490 f, 1366 f, 2039 f. — *portreytoure*, 132 f. — *vesture*, 1325 f.

§ 28. Nouns in *-ere*.

Here for convenience are put *chere*, *manere*, *matere*, *prayer*, *ryver*,—the last two showing no *-e*.

chere, 179 f, 671 f (*both* : here *inf.*), 214 f (: *dere adj. voc. post.*), 277 f (: *manere n.*), 1743 f (: *bere n.*) ; *chere*, 154.

manere, 249 f (: *fere n.*), 278 f (: *chere n.*), 1729 f (: *dere adj. voc. post.*). — *màner*, before consonants, 489, 509, 670, 1123, 1219, 1524 ; before vowels, 126, 1197, 1699 ; before *h*, 375. For the most part, *maner* is used in such phrases as *no maner creature*, *euery maner man*, *somme maner thinge*, etc. The exceptions are 126, 1197, 375,—the first two before vowels, the last before *h*.

matere, 861 f, 1517 f (*both* : here *inf.*), 1013 f (: here *adv.*), 1126 f (: *clere adv.*) ; *màtere*, 637.

pràyer, 107 (+ *cons.*), 465 (+ *vowel*).

Rÿuer, 748 (+ *cons.*) ; *ryver*, 1653 (+ *cons.*).

§ 29. Nouns in consonant + *-re*.

chambre, 366. — *Decembre*, 63 f (: *remembre inf.*) ; *Dècembrè*, 111. — *foudre* (F *founder*), 535 f (: *poudre n.*). — *ordre*, 1453 ; *ordrè* (+ *vowel*), 1905. — *poudre* (F *powder*), 536 f (: *foudre n.*) ; *poudre*, 1644. — *sklaundre*, 1625 ; *sklaundre*, 1580. — *soulfre*, 1508.

§ 30. Nouns in *-ye*, *-ie*.

When the ending rhymes with itself, the rhyme-words are left unregistered.

Armonye, 1396 f. — *cheualrie*, 1340 f (: *asye pr. n.*). — *companye*, 1551 f (: *lye n.*), 1607 f, 1727 f (*both* : *crie inf.*), 1657 f (: *hye inf.*), 1690 f (: *aspie inf.*), 1811 f ; *companye*, 1528. — *envye*, 95 f, 1476 f (: *espie inf.*). — *fantasye*, 593 f (: *espie inf.*), 992 f (: *crye inf.*). — *folye*, 1972 f. — *Galoxie*, 936 f (: *ye n.*). — *Ielousye*, 1971 f. — *maistrye*, 1094 f (: *gye inf.*). — *melodye*, 1395 f. — *navye*, 216 f (: *an hye*). — *phil-*

osophie, 857 f; Philosophie, 974 f (: hye *adv.*). — poetrie, 858 f, 1001 f (: stellifye *inf.*). — trayterye, 1812 f. — tresorye, 524. — vilanye, 96 f. — Observe also *perrë* (O.F. pierrerie), 124; *perry* (*slur*), 1393.

§ 31. Nouns in unaccented *-ye*.

contraye, 808 f (: varye 1 *sg. pr. ind.*); contraire, 1540 f (: faire *adv.*); contrairie, 1629 f (: fayre *adv.*). — lapidaire, 1352 f (: faire *adj. def. post. pl.*). — story (*slur*), 149; story (+ *cons.*), 406. — studye (*-ye slurred*), 30; studye (+ *cons., dissyl.*), 633.

§ 32. A few Romance words that end in a consonant in Old French take a final *-e* in *H.F.*

Beryle (O.F. beril), 1184 f (: Gyle *pr. n.*). — compace (O.F. compas), 1170 f (: place *n.*); *but* compas, 462 f (: Êneas *pr. n.*), 798 f (: was 3 *sg. pt. ind.*). — pale (O.F. pal), 1840 f (: tale *n.*). — trauaylle (O.F. travail), 1750 f (: avyalle *inf.*). — Note also *in comune* (O.F. comun, *adj.*), 1548 f (: Fortune *n.*).

§ 33. Words ending in Old French in *-é* and *-ée* end indiscriminately in *-e* in *H.F.* (See ten Brink, § 223, V.).

Gothic figures indicate that a vowel follows without causing elision.

auctorité, 2158 f. — beaûte, 533, 1172; beauté, 1177 f. — bountè, 1698 f. — charytè, 108 f. — Citèe, 1845 f; Citèe, 2080. — Contrèe, 146 f, 241 f; contrèe, 475 f, 647 f; contrè, 2135 f; Còntree, 196; còntree, 224; còntree highte, 1585. — curiosité, 1178 f. — destanèe, 145 f; destanyè (*trisyl.*), 188. — facultè, 248 f. — Iolytèe, 682. — meynèe, 194 f, 933 f. — pitee, 180, 316; pitèe, 325 f; pitè, 412 f. — plènte, 1973. — prolixité, 856 f. — subtilité, 855 f. — suèrte, 723. — tretèe 453 f. — For *valèy* [e] (O.F. valée), cf. 1918 f (: sey *inf.*). — For *pardè*, cf. 404 f, 575 f, 840 f, 860, 1896 f; *pàrdee*, 1000, 1032.

§ 34. Romance nouns which have no final *-e* in French have none in *H.F.* (A few Latin words are included in this section).

For convenience the examples are classed as, — (I.) words in *-er*; (II.) words in *-our*; (III.) words in *-ent*, *-ment*; (IV.) words in *-ion*, *-ioun*; (V.) words in *-s*; (VI.) words in a vowel; (VII.) miscellaneous words.

I. Words in *-er*.

botiller (Norm. F. butuiller), 592 f. — corner (O.F. cornier), 1052. — messenger (O.F. messagier), 1583, 1591; messangere, 1568. — mouer, 81. — piler (O.F. piler, pilier), 1428, 1430, 1457, 1486, 1491, 1497, 1507; pelèr, 1421 f (: clere *pred. adj. sg.*); pilèr(e), 1443 f (: here *adv.*), 1465 f (: Omere *pr. n.*), 1481 f (clere *adj. post. sg.*). It can hardly be that *-e*, which several times appears in rhyme, is in any case sounded. — porter (O.F. portier), 1954.

II. Words in *-our*.

auttour, 314. — fauour, 1688, 1788; fauor (*fautor*), 519. — hònour, 635, 1416; honoûr, 1611, 1752 f, 1793 f. — làbour, 652, 666, *1962; laboûr, 1751 f, 1794 f. — Rasour, 690. — Sygamour, 1278 f. — traytour, 267. — tregetour, 1278 f. —

III. Words in *-ent, -ment*.

accident, 1976 f. — comaundement, 612 f, 2021 f. — element, 976 f. — entendement, 983 f. — fundament, 1132 f. — misgouernement, 1975 f. — tûrment, 445.

IV. Words in *-ion, -ioun*.

avisioun, 7 f; avision, 104 f; a Visyon, 513 f. — clarioun, 1573 f, 1579 f, 1723 f, 1801 f, 1818 f; claryoun, 1241 f; clarion, 1247 f. — conclusion, 103 f; conclusyon, 342 f, 848 f, 871 f. — condicioun, 1904 f. — congregacioun, 2034 f. — contemplacion, 33 f; contemplacioun, 1710 f. — demonstration, 727 f. — descripsion, 987 f; descripcioun, 1903 f. — destruction, 151 f. — deuocion, 33 f, 68 f, 494 f, 666 f. — disposicioun, 2113 f. — duracioun, 2114 f. — entencion, 93 f. — Illusion, 493 f. — Inuocacion, 67 f. — mansyon, 754 f; mansion, 831 f. — mensyon, 56 f. — multiplicaciovn(e), 784 f; multiplicacion, 820 f. — nacion, 207 f. — oppinion, 55 f. — persuasion, *872. — presumpcion, 94. — recompensacion, 665 f, 1557 f. — Region, 431 f, 929; region, 988 f; Regioun, 1641 f. — reuelacioun, 8 f. — savacion, 208. — Scorpioun, 948 f. — ymagynacion, 728 f.

V. Words in *-s*.

apocalips, 1385 f. — caas, 254 f, 578; cas(e), 1052 f (: pace *n.*). — compas, see § 32. — dees, 1360 f, 1421, 1658. — encres, 2074 f. — loos, 1620, 1621, 1626, 1722, 1817, 1859, 1900, 1965, 1667 f. — pac(e), 1051 f (: case *n.*). — paleys, 713, 1075, 1090. — paradys, 918 f. — pes, 1961. — procèsse, 251. — purpos, 377 f. — trespas, 428 f. — vois, 556, 561, 563; voys, 819. — For *rûbee* (O.F. rubis), see 1362.

VI. Words ending in a vowel (not *-e*).

affrày, 553 f. — arrày, 228 f. — mèrcy, 1730 ; mercÿ, 1874 f. — nèviwē, 617. — prow(e) (O.F. prou), 579 f (: nowe *adv.*). — vèrtu, 526, 550, 631, 1101 ; vertùe, 1851. — For *parfey(e)*, see 938 f (: weye *n.*).

VII. Miscellaneous.

aire, 718, 779, 908 ; aire, 770, 775, 1041 ; air(e), 768 f (: faire *pred. adj. sg.*) ; ayre, 816 ; ayre, 811, 813, 817 ; ayr(e), 834 f (: faire *pred. adj. sg.*) ; eyre, 927 ; eyre, 765, 954. — Art, 1095 ; art(e), 335 f, 627 f, 1882 f (*all* : parte *n.*) ; arte, 1276. — Citezyn, 930 f. — Còrseynt, 117. — delyte, 1831 ; delyt(e), 309 f (: profite *n.*). — dèsert, 488. — dispìte, 1716 ; dispìte, 96, 1668. — ducat, 1348. — duke, 388. — effecte, 5. — engÿne, 528 (*skill*), 1934 (*machine*). — fool, 958. — frot, 2017. — ffugityfe, 146. — gebet, 106. — guerdon, 619. — hostel(e), 1022 f (: wele *adv.*). — metal, 1422, 1446. — ost(e), 186 f (: goste *n.*). — part, 344 ; part(e), 366 f, 628 f, 1881 f (*all* : arte *n.*). — point, 917, 2018. — prison, 26. — profit(e), 310 f (: delyte *n.*). — renoun, 1736, 1558 f, 1709 f, 1817 f, renovn(e), 1850 f (: tove *n.*) ; rēnoun, 1406. — rēson, 708 ; reason, 753 f ; reasoun, 761 f. — roundell, 791 ; roundel, 798. — ryban, 1318. — seson, 341 f. — skorne, 95. — soun, 824, 762 f, 832 f, 847 f, 1025 f, 1239 f, 1574 f, 1642 f, 1724 f, 1802 f ; sovne, 720, 773, 1805 ; sovne(e), 742 f (: doun *adv.*), 783 f (: multiplicaciōve *n.*) ; sovne, 765, 770, 1033, 1950. — spirite, 190. — stryf(e), 1964 f (: lyfe *n.*). — toure, 536 ; tour(e), 1185 f (: bure *n.*). — tuell(e), 1649 f (: welle *adv.*). — vessel, 2130. — wiket, 477.

Note. — In none of the foregoing words is *-e* sounded, though some of them have this ending regularly (*aire, arte, parte*, etc.) and others show no other form (*delyte, dispìte, profite*, etc.). Within the verse there is always apocope or elision, and when final the rhyme-word shows the *-e* illegitimate.

§ 35. The genitive singular of nouns, whether of Germanic or Romance origin, ends in *H.F.* for the most part in *-es* (variants *-is, -ys*), irrespective of original gender and declension.

Examples are : —

I. domes, 1284. — Egles (F B *lack the line*), 507. — folkes, see § 44. — goddis, 1384, 1799 ; goddes, 1711, 1758 ; goddys, 1697. — houses, 1959. — kynges, 391. — loues, 645, 675,

1489.—mannes, 556.—sonnes, 941.—soules, 408.—wor[1]des
1867.—yates, 1302.

Note 1. — For *alle skynnes* (alles kynnes), cf. 1530; *no skynnes* (nones kynnes), 1794.

Note 2. — In the phrase *lives body* (1063), Skeat (*Minor Poems, Glossary*) regards *lives* as an adverb. Bright (*M. L. N.*, 1889, col. 363) explains the phrase as “a living person’s body”, “a living man.” Kittredge’s interpretation (*Language of Chaucer’s Troilus*, § 35, I, n.) that *lives* means “of life” (cf. Byron’s “a thing of life”; “As thou art a man of life,” *Little Musgrave and Lady Barnard*, A, st. 10, Child, *Ballads*, II, 244) is, however, more satisfactory as explaining also the parallel expressions *lyues creature*, *lyues man*, found elsewhere in Chaucer. Thus *lives body* = body of life = living body = living man.

II. Fames, fames, 786, 852, 882, 1027, 1357, 1603, 1857. — Philosophres, 758. — tigres, 1459. — trumpes, 1642, 1646, 1685.

§ 36. One word makes a genitive without change of form :

Fader carte, 943 ; but C T here show -s.

Note. — In *heuen kyng* (1084), *heuen* is probably in composition and not a real genitive (cf. A.S. *heofon-cyning*). Observe further *heuens region* (988), *heuens sygnes* (998). In both of these examples B has *heuenys*. — In the phrase *wounde smerte* (374), Skeat (*Minor Poems, Glossary*) sets *smerte* down as a noun, which would of course make *wounde* genitive. But *smerte* seems rather an adjective here, as also in the parallel expression *sorwes smerte* (316). (Cf. Kittredge, § 67, n.).

§ 37. Genitives of proper names.

I. Of names in -s but three examples have been noted in the genitive. Two of these have the genitive like the nominative, — Eaycedis chiron, 1206 ; Venus clerk, 1487 ; the third forms genitive in -es, — Martes metal, 1446.

II. Other genitives.

Arionis harp, 1005. — Athalantes Doughtres, 1007. — Auffrikes Region, 431. — Iupiter[e]s wife, 199. — Romes myghty werkes, 1504.

§ 38. The plural of nouns, of whatever origin, ends regularly in -es (-ys, -is). (Cf. Child, § 22 ; ten Brink, §§ 202, 206, 210, 213, 225).

I. acordes, 695 f. — Actes, 347. — apes, 1806 f. — aqueyn-taunces, 694 f. — armes, 144, 1331, 1337, 1411. — ascendentes,

1268 f. — auentures, 47 f, 1631 f. — rabewyures (*l. babe-wynnes*), 1189. — berdys, 689. — bàtaylès, 454; batàyles, 1441 f. — beres, 1589. — bestes, 900 f, 932, 965 f, 1383, 1390, 1968 f; bestis, 1226. — bildynges, 1966 f. — biles, 868 f. — bokes, 385; bookys, 622. — boystes, 2129. — bromes, 1226 f. — brynkes, 803. — cages, 1938. — causes, 13; causis, 19 f (: *cause is*). — charmeresses, 1261 f. — chidynges, 1028 f. — chirkynges, 1943 f. — clerkes, 1265, 1503 f; clerkys, 53 f, 760. — clothes, 1319. — cloudes, 966. — compàsses, 1302. — compassinges, 1188 f. — cordes (*F B acordes*), 696 f. — cornes, 698. — corovnes, 1317. — creatures, 1632 f. — Daunces, 1235. — discordès (*C T discordes*), 685. — dores, 480, 1420, 1952; dor[e]s, 650 f (: *neygh[e] bor[e]s*). — dowwes, 137. — dremes, 35. — eles, 2154 f. — ententes, 1267 f. — eres, 879, 1389 f. — eschaunges, 697 f. — fames, 1139, 1154 f, 1233, 1292. — feldès, 897. — festes, 1222. — figùres, 48 f, 126 f; figurès, 858. — flakes, 1192. — florissshinges, 1301 f. — forestes 899 f. — foules, 1382. — frenges, 1318 f. — furtherynges, 636 f. — gendres, 18. — gestes (*res gestae*), 1434, 1515 f, 1518, 1737 f. — goddess(e), 172; goddes, 1002; goddys, 460. — graunges, 698 f. — Grekes, 1479. — greses, 1353. — greyn(d)es, 691. — gromes, 1225 f. — gyges, 1942. — habitacles, 1194 f. — hattes, 1940. — hayles, 967. — heles 2153 f. — herau(1)des, 1321 f. — heres, 1390 f. — hillès (*or hilles*), 898. — holes, 1949, 2110. — hondes, 299, 692 f. — Iangles, 1960 f. — Iapes, 1805 f. — ioynynges, 1187 f. — kervynges, 1302 f. — knyghtis, 455 f. — kyndes, 204 f, 968 f. — kynges, 1316 f. — laudes, 1322 f. — lestes, 1738 f. — leues, 1946. — leysinges, 676 f; lesenges, 2123 f. — loses, 1688 f. — losynges, 1317 f. — loues, 677, 678, 679, 697; louès (*or loues*), 86. — mariages, 1961 f. — meracles, 12 f. — mervayles, 1442 f. — mountaynes, 898 f. — mynstralles, 1197 f. — mystes, 966. — names, 1137, 1142, 1153 f, 1355, 1505. — nayles, 542. — nestes, 1516 f. — neygh[e] bor[e]s, 649 f (: *dor[e]s*). — novchis, 1350 f (: *povche is*). — oracles, 11 f. — oures, 689 f. — peces, 1187. — Phitonesses, 1261. — pilgrimes, 2122 f. — pipes, 1224. — places, 1014. — playnes, 897 f. — portreytures, 125 f. — preysynges, 635 f. — purse-vantes, 1321. — pynacles, 124 f, 1189 f, 1193 f. — rekenynges, 653 f. — renoveilaunces, 693 f. — reynes (*rein*), 951. — reynes (*rain*), 967. — roches, 1035. — roses, 1687 f. — ryghtis, 456 f. — ryvèr[e]s, 901. — sheves, 2140. — shippes, 195, 233, 365, 903, 1036. — shrippes, 2123. — Sisoùres, 690 f. — skilles, 750, 867 f. — sondes, 691 f. — sones, 75 f (: *wone*

is). — songes, 622, 1396. — Sorceresses, 1262. — sprynges, 1235 f, 1984 f. — stages, 122 f. — sterlynges, 1315 f. — sterres, 993, 1254, 1376. — stones, 1351. — strondes, 148. — strynges, 777. — syght[es], 2010. — sygnes, (F B *sygnes*), 998. — tabernacles, 123 f, 1190 f. — tales, 1198 f. — techches, 1778 f. — tempestes, 966 f, 1967 f. — termes, 857. — theves, 1779. — thynges, 643 f, 654 f, 674, 743, 1236 f, 1889, 1893 f, 2057; thinges, 2009 f. — tonges, 1390. — tovnes, 902. — twigges, 1936; twy(n)ges, 1941 f. — tydynges, 644 f, 675 f, 1027 f, 1894 f, 1907 f (: brynges 2 sg. *pr. ind.*), 1957 f, 1983 f, 2010 f, 2124 f; tydÿngēs (or tÿdyngēs), 1888; tÿdyngēs. 1955, 2143; tÿdyngīs, 1886. — tymes, 19, 1216, 2121 f, 2126, — viages, 1962 f. — walles, 1288, 1398. — werkes, 54 f, 1504 f, 1610, 1616, 1696, 1707 (F B *werkes*); werkēs (or werkes), 1701; werkes, 1666, 1720. — wisprynges, 1958 f. — wordes, 191, 311, 376, 572. — wrecches (*l. wicches*), 1262. — wrechches, 1777 f. — wyndes, 203 f, 246, 967 f, 1587, *1967. — wynges, 922, 1392. — wynnynges, 1965 f. — ymāges, 121 f, 1269; ÿmagēs, 472.

II. dayes, 695. — weyes, 585, 1122. — *Also* reyes (F B *reus*), 1236. — valey[e]s, 899.

III. (a) clawes, 545, 554; clowes, 1785 f. — sawes, 676. — shrewes, 1830, 1833 f, 1852 f. — snowes, 967, 1192 f. — thewes, 1834 f, 1851 f. — wyndowes, 1191. — (b) morwes, 4. — sorwes, 316, 467. — *Also* Iowes, 1786 f. — mowes, 1806. — pawes, 541.

IV. Angles, 1959 f. — Doughtres, 1007. — evēnes, 4 f. — fethēres, 974, 1382; fethres (F B *lack the line*), 507; Fethres, 530. — lettres, 1141, 1144. — nobles, 1315. — shuldres, 1410, 1435, 1462, 1500 — swevenes, 3 f. — wondres, 1996, 2118.

V. lÿēs (*lies*), 1477 f, 2129 f. — lÿēs (*lees*), 2130 f. — mason-eriēs, 1303 f. — mēstralciēs, 1217 f. — nōuelrriēs, 686 f. — piēs, 703 f. — Pōetriēs, 1478 f. — shalmÿēs, 1218 f. — spiēs, 704 f. — ymāgerÿēs (F *lacks the line*), 1304 f. — *With syni-zesis* ymāgeriēs, 1190.

VI. (a) glèēs, 1209 f, 1252 f (*both* : sèēs *n. pl.*). — knèēs, 1534, 1772; *but* knes, 1659, 1705. — sèēs, 1210 f, 1251 f (*both* : glèēs *n. pl.*). — trèēs, 752, 1516, 902 f (: Citèēs *n. pl.*), 1946 f (: entrèēs *n. pl.*). — (b) Citèēs, 901 f (: trèēs *n. pl.*). — entrèēs, 1945 f (: trèēs *n. pl.*).

§ 39. Exceptions to § 38. The following words ending in a consonant or an accented *-e* sometimes or always make their

plural in *-s* (*-z*), *-es*, or *-is*. (Cf. Child, § 22 ; ten Brink, § 226).

I. Words in *-nt*.

Instrumentes, 696. — servantēs, 625.

II. Words in *-ion*, *-ioun*.

Avisions, 40 f ; avisions, 48. — clarions, 1597 ; Clarioun[s], 1594. — complexions, 21 f. — condiciouns, 1530 f. — dissymulacions, 688 f. — exorsisacions, 1263 f. — fumi(y)gacions, 1264 f. — impressions, 39 f. — reflexions, 22 f. — regiouns, 1529 f ; Regions, 1970 f. — reparaçons, 688 f. — transmutacions, 1969 f.

III. Words in *-r*.

colours, 859. — curroures, 2128. — dossers, 1940 f. — gestiours, 1198. — harpers, 1207, 1209. — Iugelours, 1259 f. — louers, 37. — messangers, 2128 f. — murmures, 686. — panyers, 1939 f. — Pardoners, 2127 f. — pipers, 1234. — tregetours, 1260 f. — werres, 1961.

Note. — Of the foregoing examples B shows *-ys* in 686, 859, 1198, 1259, 1260, 1940, 2128. The vowel, however, is manifestly unsounded except in 859, where we may well read *colourys* for *colours*.

IV. Words in *-en*.

magiciens, 1260. — troyens, 156.

V. Miscellaneous words with consonantal ending.

corbetz (PT *corbettes*, C *corbettis*), 1304. — estates, 1970. — restes, *1962. — rovnynges (C *Rownyng*), 1960. — signals, 459 f. — spiritis (CT *spiritis*), 41. — welles, *1984. — Cf. also, *hilles*, *tydynges*, *werkes*, § 38, above.

VI. *dytees* (*dissyl.*), 622 f (: *lyte is*). In this verse FB have *dytees bookys*, but the rhyme-word shows clearly that *bookys dytees* is the proper order. — For *knðes*, *knes*, see § 38, VI, a, above.

§ 40. Plurals of the *n*-declension which preserve the Anglo-Saxon ending (*-an*) in the form *-en* are :

been (A.S. *pl.* *bēon*, Ps. *bīan*), 1522.

eyen (A.S. *pl.* *ēagan*, L. *ægen*, *ejen*, P.Pl^a. *ejen*, *eizen*, P.Pl^b. *eyghen*, *eyghes*, P.Pl^c. *eyen*), 459 1379, 1408 ; yen, 1381, 2152 (B *correctly* nose and yen ; F *noyse an highen*).

foon (A.S. *pl.* *gefān*) not found ; but foos, 1668 f (: *loos n.*).

toon (A.S. *pl.* *tān*), 2028 f (: *anoon adv.*), — so C ; T *ton(e)*, FB *lack the verse*.

§ 41. Plurals in *-en* by imitation (Child, § 24; ten Brink, §§ 215, 217).

sustren (A.S. *pl.* sweoster, L. sustren, sostres, P.Pl^c. sustren, sustres, susteres), 1401.

For *Doughtres*, see § 38.

§ 42. Plurals with umlaut (Child, § 26; ten Brink, § 214).

fete (A.S. *fēt*). 568, 606, 1374, 1391; fet(e), 1603 f (: hete 3 *sg. pt. ind.*); and with final *-e* sounded fete, 1050 f (: strete *n.*).

men (A.S. *menn*), 330, 338, 525, 590, 609, 1326, 1761, etc., etc.

wymmen (A.S. *wīfmenn*, *Pet. Chron.* *wimmen*), 335, 1741, 1760; wommen, 1747.

§ 43. In the following words plurals occur identical in form with the singular.

folke (A.S. *folc*, *n.*, *pl.* *folc*). No accurate distinction for singular and plural is possible for this word. In the following examples the verb is plural, — 645, 1060, 1338, 1544, 1608, 1661, 1775, 1832, 1854, 1862, 1899. In one case only is the verb singular, and it is interesting to note the passage to the plural in the succeeding verse :

That alle the folke that *ys* a lyve

Ne *han* the kunnyng to discryve, 2055-6.

Another certain singular is seen in *a folke*, 73. The limiting word indicates a singular in *this folke*, 1544, 1775, 1790, 1862, though in three of the four examples a plural verb follows. For other examples of *folke* in various constructions, cf. 42, 237, 638, 1358, 1849, 1968, 2035, 2138, etc. Final *-e* is regularly written in our MS., and is in one case sounded :

Of loues folke moo tydynge, 675.

Forms in *-es*, *-ys*, also occur (1154, 1426, 1828), but the vowel is uniformly silent.

In the genitive *folkes* (*folkys*) is the regular form, and the vowel is pronounced; cf. 21, 636, 1137, 1322, 1720.

foote (A.S. *fōt*, *m.*, *pl.* *fēt*), XXⁱ. foote thykke, 1335.

hors (A.S. *hors*, *n.*, *pl.* *hors*), 944, 952.

hose (A.S. *hosa*, *m.*, *pl.* *hosan*), 1840.

myle (A.S. *mīl*, *f.*, *pl.* *mīla*, mile), sixty myle, 1979; but myles two, 116.

Swynē (A.S. *swīn*, *n.*, *pl.* *swīn*), 1777.

thinge, thing (A.S. *þing*, *n.*, *pl.* *þing*). The following examples are pretty certainly plural :

Other thinge to tellen yowe, 1418;

As wel of loue as other thyng(e), 1739 f (: ryng(e) *n.*) ;
In allë thing ryght as it is, 1837.

But the regular plural is *thinges* ; see § 38. In the following verse -s should doubtless be supplied, though it is nowhere written :

Some newe thingë y not what, 1887.

wyse (A.S. wise, *f.*, *pl.* wisan) must certainly be plural in the following verses :

But this may be in many wyse
Of which I wil the two deuyse, 771-2 ;
But for to prove in allë wyse, 1347.

§ 44. The genitive plural does not differ in form from the genitive singular.

folkes, see § 43. — goddys botiller, 592. — grekes oste, 186. — Iewes gestes, 1434. — partriches wynges, 1392. — rokes nestes, 1516. — sterres names, 997. — stormes bete, 1150.

§ 45. The dative plural (Anglo-Saxon *-um*) has not been observed in *H.F.*

ADJECTIVES.

§ 46. Adjectives ending in Anglo-Saxon in a short vowel (in the indefinite use) end in -e in *H. F.* (Cf. Child, § 29 ; ten Brink, § 230).

Most of these are either *jo*-stems or *i*-stems that have gone over entirely to the *jo*-declension : *blythe*, *dere*, *grene*, *kynde*, *lythe*, *newe*, *shene*, *stille*, *swete*, *thikke*, *trewe*. So also *vnmerie*. Here belongs *vnsofte*. For *allone*, cf. § 47.

blythe (A.S. bliðe, L.O. bliðe), be thou euer blythe, 1860 f (: swithe *adv.*).

dere (A.S. dēore, W.S. diere, dȳre, L. deore, dure, O. deore, dere). The only examples are in the definite use : my lady dere, 213 f (: chere *n.*) ; my dere hert[e], 326 ; lady dere, 1730 f (: manere *n.*) ; lady leefe and dere, 1827 f (: here *inf.*).

grene (A.S. grēne, grōene, L. grene), grene corne, 1224.

kynde (A.S. cynde, *but usually* gecynde), As kynde thinge of Fames is, 1292 ; she ys vnkynde, 284 f (: fynde *inf.*). Definite use : hys kynde place, 834, 836.

lythe (A.S. *liðe*, L. *liðe*, O. *liþe*), To make lythe of that was harde, 118. In this verse P omits *of*; CT omit *of* and insert *erst* after *that*. The reading of P seems more likely correct, and this would give us *lythē*.

newe (A.S. *nēowe*, *nīowe*, W.S. *nīewe*, *nīwe*, L. *neawe*, *neouwe*, *niwe*, O. *neowe*, *newe*, P.Pl. *newe*, *nywe*), That euery yere wolde haue a newe, 302 f (: *trewe adj.*); Alle newe of gold another sonne, 506. The last line is seen only in C T.

shene (A.S. *scēne*, *scýne*, *scēone*, L. *sceone*, *scone*, L.^b *scene*, O. *shene*, *scone*). Occurs only in the vocative expression *lady shene*, 1536 f (: *quene n.*).

stille (A.S. *stille*, L. *stille*, O. *stille*, *still*), he stode as stille as stoon, 1605; That neuer mo stil hyt stent[e], *1926. In the last example we should probably read *hyt stille*; so Willert on the basis of *it styl* in T.

swete (A.S. *swēte*, *swǣte*, O. *swet*), floode of helle vnswete, 72 f (: *lete pr. n.*). Definite use: my swete hert, 315.

thikke (A.S. *picce*, L. *thicke*), Or elles was the aire so thikke, 908 f (: *prikke n.*); a bible XXth. foote thykke, 1335.

trewe (A.S. *trēowe*, W.S. *trīewe*, *trýwe*, L. *treowe*, O. *trouwe*), is euery man thus trewe, 301 f (: a newe *adj. as subs.*).

vnmerie (A.S. *myrige*, *merge*). Only in the definite use: this god vnmerie, 74 f (: *Cymerie pr. n.*).

Vn-softe (A.S. *sōfte adv.*, but also used as *adj.* instead of *sēfte*, *sǣfte* (cf. Sievers, § 299, n. 1, and Sweet, 2081). L. *softe*, O. *soffte*). In the definite use only: the cruelle lyfe Vn-softe, 36 f (: *ofte adj. post. pl.*).

Note. — For the *adj. free* (A.S. *frēo*), cf. Anchyses the free, 422 f (: see *inf.*).

§ 47. In *allone*, *-e* goes back to the Anglo-Saxon weak (“definite”) ending *-a*.

allone (A.S. *eall āna*, L. *al ane*, O. *all ane*), And eke allone (*plur.*) be hem selue, 2125; Deserte allone (*sing.*) || ryghte in the se, 416.

§ 48. *Lyte*, *muche* belong in a category by themselves. On their relations to A.S. *lýt*, *lýtél*, *micel*, *mycel*, see especially Bright, *American Journal of Philology*, IX, 219.

lyte (A.S. *lýt*, *adv.*, *lýtél*, *adj.*) is said by ten Brink, § 231, to be “im Sing. wohl nur substantivisch gebraucht,” but this is contradicted by three places in *H.F.*: *thyn Abstinence ys lyte*, 660 f (: *heremyte n.*), *she was so lyte*, 1369 f (: *cubite n.*), *hyt nas not lyte*, 1978 f (: *write 1 sg. pr. ind.*). Cf., also,

Wol do than ese al be hyt lyte, 2020 f (: *merite n.*), where the word may be held a substantive. For the substantive use of *lyte*, see 621, 1349 (F B *litel*, *monosyl.*), and perhaps 2020. For *lyte*, *adv.*, see 778 f (*smyte 3 pl. pr. ind.*).

For *lytel*, see 1093, 1225; *litel*, 791; *litol*, 1476; *lytel*, *adv.*, 1134.

Note. — Lines 621-2 run as follows:

Al-though that in thy hede ful lytel is

To make songes dytees bookys.

All authorities show *lytel* (in varied spelling). CT, however, shift the position of *dytees*, *bookys*. Manifestly the proper reading is:

Al-though that in thy hede ful lyte is

To make songes bookys dytees.

moche (A.S. *micel*, L.W.S. *mycel*), *ful moche prees*, 1358; *a[s] moche goode*, 1748; *ful moche pyne*, 147; *moch com-pleynt*, 924; *moche ys thy myght*, 971. — *a mochil* (*monosyl.*; PCT *grete*) *myschaunce*, 957; *mochel wele*, 1138; *to mochil prees*, 1359. For *adverbial use*, see *ouer meche*, 38; *moche or lyte*, 778; as *moche as*, 1749.

§ 49. Several adjectives which in Anglo-Saxon end in a consonant, sometimes or always take *-e* in *H. F.* (Cf. Child, § 30; ten Brink, § 231).

Some of the *-e*'s in the following list are perhaps to be explained on grammatical grounds. Of petrified vocatives (cf. ten Brink, § 235, Anm., but also Zupitza, *Deutsche Literatur-Zeitung*, 1885, coll. 610, 613, and Freudenberger, pp. 37-40) there is one example: *faire Venus*. Observe the expressions *longe tyme*, *longe while*, *olde tyme*, in which, says Manly (*Language of the Legend of Good Women*, § 49), "one is tempted to see the remains of old dative constructions in which the final vowel has been preserved by the cadence of the phrase."

[bare] (A.S. *bær*, L^a. *bare*, L^b. *bar*, P.Pl^{bc}. *bare*, P.Pl^c. *bar*), *only in barefote* (A.S. *bærfōt*, L^a. *bar-fot*, L^b. *bareuot*), *That dreame he barefote dreame he shod*, 98.

[brode] (A.S. *brād*, L. *bræd*, *brad*, *brod*, O. *brad*, P.Pl. *brod*), *only in brode as a couerle*, 792.

faire (A.S. *fæger*, L. *fæir*, *fæire*, *fæizer*, *faire*, O. *fazerr*, P.Pl. *fayre*), *And faire Venus also*, 618. — *fair(e)*, 767 f, 833 f (*both: aire n.*); *feire*, 1028; *fare*, 1305.

[false] (late A.S. *fals*, from O.F. or Latin, P.Pl. *fals*), *no example*. — *fals*, *before consonant*, 414; *before vowels*, 266, 285,

- 397, 405, 1029, 2108 ; *in rhyme*, 393 f (: hals *n.*), 2072 f (: als *adv.*).
 [foule] (A.S. fūl, O. ful), *only in* foule or faire, 766, 833.
 goode (A.S. gōd, L.O. god), Lady graunte vs good[e] fame, 1609 (*but* P C T graunte vs *now*) ; That we mowe han as good[e] fame, 1735 (*but* P C T as good *a*) ; Of good[e] folke and gunne crie, 1608 (*but* we must certainly take this as *plural*). — goode, 671, *872 ; goode, 604 ; good, 264, 1545, 1555, 1558, 1560, 1617, 1621, 1799, 1815, 1817, 1832, 1854.
 grete (A.S. grēat, O. græt), I herde a gretē noysē with alle, 2147. But it may be that the verse should read — I herde a gretē noysē with alle. — grete, 24, 26, 806, 856, 1528, 1850, 1973 ; grete, 553, 630, 1927, 2158 ; gret, 1372, 1424, *1425, 1736, 1852.
 harde (A.S. heard, L. heard, herd, O. harrd), This Eolus with harde grace, 1586. — harde, 861 ; hard(e), 1118 f (: leonarde *pr. n.*) ; hard, 861.
 hye (A.S. hēah, M. hēh, L. hāh, hāhje, O. heh), That neuer herd I thing so hye (*adv. ?*), 1020 f (: crye *inf.*) ; on a place hye, 1133 f (: glorifye *inf.*) ; so hygh a roche, 1116. — on hye, 1360 ; on high(e), 1430 f (: sighe 3 *sg. pt. ind.*) ; on high, 1649.
 [lyche] (A.S. gelic, *adj.*, also gelica, *n.*, L. iliche, ilike, O. like), lyche evene, 10. — lyke, 1033, 1039, 1076 ; lyke, 1124.
 longe (A.S. lang, long, L. long, O. lang), Yf hit so longe tyme dure, 303 ; And oft I mused longe while, 1287 ; That bore hath vp longe while, 1484. — longe, 251, 252, 381, 446, 1354.
 [lovde] (A.S. hlūd), *only in* lovde (lowde), 767, 1958.
 olde (A.S. eald, ald, L^a. æld, ald, alde, olde, L^b. hold, holde, O. ald), Of olde tyme(s), 1155. — olde (*l. golde*) werke, 127 ; old(e), 995 f, 2064 f (*both* : tolde *pp.*).
 [swiftē] (A.S. swift, O. swift), *no example*. — swiftē, 350.
 [woode] (A.S. wōd), *no example*. — as thou were wod(e), 202 f (: bloode *n.*).

Note 1. — The following list shows monosyllabic adjectives ending in Anglo-Saxon in a consonant which take no -e in H. F. It will be noted that -e is quite commonly written, but it is mute always.

blak, 1647 ; blak(e), 1671 f (: take 2 *sg. imp.*). — blynd(e), 1570 f (: wynde *n.*) ; blende, 681. — broun(e), 139 f (: dovne *adv.*). — colde, 1163. — crips, 1386 f. — ded(e), 1876 f (: hede *n.*). — dombe, 656. — frerre, 647. — ful, 31, 1027, 1514, 1557, 1687, 1805, 1834, 1942, 1943, 2122. — hool, 1270. — leef, 1999. — louse, 1286.

—lyght, 746, 1096. —red(e), 135 f (: hede *n.*), 1647 f (: lede *n.*). —ryght, 1614. —sad, 2089. —smale, 487. —soothe, 502, 2072; soth(e), 2051 f (: dothe 3 *sg. pr. ind.*); sooth, 987. —strong(e), 1457 f (: endlonge *adv.*). —syk(e), 1270 (: magike *n.*). —war, 496, 1407, 1989. —white, 135, 938. —worthe, 727.

Note 2. — For dissyllables in the indefinite use, see the following : besye, 1472. —blissfull, 518. —bloody, 1239. —bret ful, 2123. —burned, 1387. —drery, 179. —englyssh, 1470. —golden, 1723. —grenyssh, 1647. —hevy, 738, 1440, 1473. —knownen, 1736. —lewed, 1096 f; lewde (F B *corrupt*), 866. —liltyng, 1223. —lyghted, 769. —naked, 133. —rechcheles, 397. —sely, 513. —sorry, 1790. —shrewde, 275, 1619. —stiryng, 478. —swartisshe (F B *swari[e]*), 1647. —tynned, 1482. —vncouthē, 1279. —wery, 115. —woful, 214. —wonder, 1082. —wonderful, 62. —worthy, 708, 1669. —yren, 1457. —ywel, 1786.

§ 50. The following adjectives of Germanic origin also show an *-e* in *H.F.*

bad[de] (A.S. bæddel?), Though they goon in ful bad[de] lese, 1768. Such is the reading of Sk. and Wi., though T alone shows *-e*. We have a very good verse without *-e*.

wikke (cf. M.E. wicche, A.S. wicc(e)a 'wizard,' wicce 'witch'), that nas no thinge wikke, 1346 f (: thikke *adj.*). —wikkyd, 1620.

§ 51. Final unaccented *-e* in adjectives of Romance origin is preserved in *H.F.* (cf. Child, § 19; ten Brink, § 239).

I. digne (O.F. *digne*), 1426. —huge (O.F. *ahuge*), 1607. —Iuste (O.F. *juste*), 719. —large (O.F. *large*), 482, 1238, 1412, 1440 f (: charge *n.*); at hys large, 745 f (: charge *n.*). *But*, That hath a ful large whele to turne, 1450. In this verse, however, P C T have *largē* by omitting *a*. *Definite use*, 926. —nyce (O.F. *nice*), 276 f (: vice *n.*); nyse, 920; *definite use*, nyce, 287. —queynt[e] (O.F. *cointe*). Of the three instances of the use of this adjective, final *-e* is written but once — T 228. The lines :

And queynt[e] maner of figures, 126 ;

Goynge in a queynt array, 228 ;

This queynt[e] hous about[e] went[e], 1925.

Final *-e* is not absolutely required, but it should doubtless be supplied.

II. Words in *-ble*.

agreable, 1097 f. —double, 285. —fauorable, 1479 f. —feble, 1132. —impossible, 702; impossib(il)le, 1334 f. —noble,

1416 ; *definite use*, 469, 1409, 1535.

Note. — French *-é* is of course preserved, — pryuee, 767 ; and prevy, 285.

§ 52. Some Romance adjectives take an *-e* in *H.F.* that have none in Old French.

clere (O.F. cler), And hyt [is] cleped clere laude, 1575 ; clere, 983 ; *but* cler(e), 1482 f (: pilere *n.*).

comune (O.F. comun), *only in* in comune, 1548 f (: fortune *n.*).

devyne (O.F. divin), *vocative*, devyne vertu, 1101.

femynyne (O.F. feminin), A femynyne creature, 1365.

fyne (O.F. fin). Final *-e* is regularly written, but it can hardly be sounded in any case: Arionis harp[e] fyn(e), 1005 f (delphyne *pr. n.*) ; yren fyn(e), 1431 f (: saturnyne *post. adj. sg.*) ; fyne, 1348.

pure (O.F. pur), of pure kynde, 824 ; *definite use*, 280 ('T alone shows the line).

Note. — For examples of the singular number of Romance adjectives in the indefinite use, see the following :

certèyn(e), 502 f (: seyne *pp.*) ; certeyn, 1598. — confùse, 1517. — conseruatyf, 847. — cruelle, 1463. — curious(e), 29 f (: melancolyouse *pred. adj. sg.*). — desèrte, 417. — devys, 917 f. — disèspèràt, 2015. — dyuers, 1574 ; dyvers, 1976. — encombrouse, 862. — ententyf, 1120. — eryd, 485. — famouse, 1338. — imperiall, 1361 f. — màlicious, 93. — mèlancòlyous(e), 30 f (: curiouse *pred. adj. sg.*). — naturell, 28 ; naturel, 1266 f. — noyouse, 574. — obedient, 2022 f. — overt(e), 718 f (: aperte *adv.*). — ovndyç, 1386. — parfit, 44. — poetical, 1095. — saturnyn(e), 1432 f (: fyne *post. adj. sg.*). — special, 68. — synguler, 310. — vnfamouse, 1146.

§ 53. In the definite use (that is, when preceded by a possessive or demonstrative pronoun or by the definite article), monosyllabic adjectives take an inflectional *-e*. (Child, § 32 ; ten Brink, § 235).

I. Ordinals.

ther shal the thrid[de] be, 308 ; the thirdde companye, 1657 ; the thirdde [whele], 795 ; the thrid (+ vowel), 2070. — the ferthe companye, 1690. — the fite route, 1703. — the sext[e] companye, 1727. — [the sevènth route, 1771]. — the tenthe day, 63, 111.

II. Monosyllabic Superlatives.

This lytel last[e] boke, 1093. — at the laste, 496 f; atte laste, 955 f, 1407 f, 1676 f; at the laste, 1128; at the last he, 555; atte last hyt, 1726; atte last (+ *vowel*), 1320, 2155.

Rhyme words. — caste *pt. sg. ind.* (496, 955, 1407), faste *adv.* (1676). —

the next[e] laure, 1107; this next[e] folke, 1775.

III. Miscellaneous.

hys blake trumpe, 1637, 1865; his blake Clarioun, 1801. — hir blynde sone, 138; hys blynde neviwe, 617. — the derke pyne, 1512. — the (F *lacks* the) Duche tonge, 1234. — this lusty and riche place, 1356. — the swynt[e] catte, 1783. — the faire white mone, 2116. — hir yonge sone, 177.

IV. Some examples are here given of the definite form of words which occasionally show an *-e* in forms not obviously definite (cf. § 49).

his fals[e] forswerynge, 153. — hir fair[e] toun, 432. — this foule trumpes soun, 1642; his foule trumpes ende, 1646. — hir grete peyne, 312; the grete soun, 1025; the grete swogh, 1031; thy grete myght, 1092; The grete god of loues name, 1489; The grete poete, 1499; the gret[e] wikkednesse, 1813; the gret Omere, 1466; oure gret ese, 1753. — thys lovde fare, 1065.

V. *ovne* (A.S. *āgen*) is found only in the definite use, — thyn ovne boke, 712; thyn ovne sworn brother, 2101; Our ovne gentil lady, 1311.

§ 54. Occasionally, however, *-e* is dropped in the definite form of monosyllabic adjectives. (Child, § 36; ten Brink, § 236. your ryght honde, 322; my. ryght honde, 1294. But this phrase was pretty certainly felt as a compound. These are the only instances observed in *H.F.* if we except *the seventh route* (1711), and in this latter case the proper form doubtless is *seventh[ē]*).

§ 55. In vocative phrases monosyllabic adjectives appear in the definite form when they precede the noun (as in A.S. *lēofa Bēowulf*). (Child, § 34; ten Brink, § 235).

faire blissfull, 518. — my leue brother, 816. — O wikke Fame, 349.

In definite and vocative phrases in which the adjective follows the noun the usage in *H.F.* is varied.

(a) *Without -e*, the welkene longe and brod(e), 1601 f (: abode 3 *sg. pt. ind.*); lady bright, 1693 f (: myght *n.*); (b) *with*

-e, lady leefe and dere, 1827 f (: here *inf.*); Josephus the olde, 1433 f (: tolde 3 *sg. pl. ind.*); the sonnes sonne the rede, 941 f (: lede *inf.*); the wounde smerte, 374 f (: herte *n.*).

§ 56. For adjectives of more than one syllable which do not stand at the end of the verse, the following rule as to -e in the definite and vocative constructions may be inferred from the usage of *H.F.*

Of adjectives of more than one syllable those alone take -e which have a primary or secondary accent on the ultima and are followed by a word accented on the first syllable.

The special cases may be stated as follows :

I. Dissyllabic paroxytone adjectives take no -e when the following word is accented on the first syllable. The verse will not bear such an arrangement of accents as oðoòð.

Example : *my crewel deth.* (See others in § 57).

II. For the same reason dissyllabic oxytone adjectives take no -e when the following word is accented on the second syllable.

Example : *hys myghty merite* (§ 58).

III. Trisyllabic proparoxytone adjectives (òòò) take -e unless the following word is accented on the second syllable.

Example : *the Trðianÿsshë bloode* (§ 59).

IV. But trisyllabic proparoxytone adjectives take no -e when the following word is accented on the second syllable. The verse will not bear such an arrangement of accents as òòòòò.

For lack of a better example : *the wònder mòst was thÿs* (§ 60).

V. For the same reason trisyllabic paroxytone adjectives take no -e when the following word is accented on the first syllable.

Examples under I.-IV. follow (§§ 57-60).

Note 1. — There is in *H.F.* no adjective of more than three syllables in the definite use. For a few in the indefinite form, see § 52, n.

Note 2. — For the definite use of the singular of adjectives of more than one syllable at the end of the verse, cf. *the fayrest[e]* ('*T alone shows the line*'), 281 f (: lest[e] 3 *sg. pl. subj.*); *Cupido the rechcheles*, 668 f (: causeles *adv.*).

§ 57. I. Dissyllabic paroxytone adjectives take no -e in the definite and vocative uses when the following word is

accented on the first syllable. (Cf. Child, § 35 ; ten Brink, § 246).

(a) Cf. the plural superlative : the fynest stones, 1351.

(b) thyn ovne sworn brother, 2101.

(c) the heuēnyssh melodye, 1395.

(d) the holy Roode, 57. — his kyndely enclynynge, 734. — his kyndely place, 842. — the melky weye, 937. — the myghty Muse, 1399.

(e) Romance and Latin adjectives :

the cruellē lyfe, 36. — my crewel deth, 323. — Our ovne gentil lady, 1311. — the Troian nacion, 207 ; the Troian Eneas, 217.

§ 58. II. Dissyllabic oxytone adjectives take no *-e* in the definite use when the following word is accented on the second syllable.

that latȳn Poète, 1483. — hys myghtȳ merite, 2019.

§ 59. III. Trisyllabic proparoxytone adjectives (ðoð) take *-e* in the definite and vocative uses, unless the following word is accented on the second syllable.

the Trðianȳsshē blðode, 201. — his kȳndelȳch[ē] stēde, 829.

§ 60. IV. But trisyllabic proparoxytone adjectives take no *-e* when the following word is accented on the second syllable. The verse will not bear such an arrangement of accents as ðoðoðoð.

the wònder mòst was thȳs, 2058.

§ 61. For the same reason trisyllabic paroxytone adjectives take no *-e* when the following word is accented on the first syllable. *No example.*

§ 62. The following are the only examples of the vocative of adjectives of more than one syllable :

crewèl Junoo, 198. — devȳnē vèrtu, 1101. — O wòful Dido, 318.

§ 63. The *Hous of Fame* shows a few well-defined traces of the French inflection of adjectives ; observe especially *seynt*, *seynt[e]* (Child, § 37 ; ten Brink, § 242).

seynt (*masculine*), *Seynt* Iùlyane, 1022 ; by *sèynt* Thomas, 1131 ; *bè seynt* Gȳle, 1183 ; *seynt[e]* (*feminine*), *sèynt[e]* Màry, 573 ; by *sèynt[e]* clàre, 1066. It is true that in these examples final *-e* is nowhere written, but the metre certainly

requires an additional syllable before the feminine nouns in 573, 1066. The identity of use — in oaths every example — and the different requirements of metre seem clearly to establish French inflection in this word. Cf. further *beau sir* (643), *bele Isawde* (1796). And see the vocative expression *devyne virtù* (1101). Perhaps the *-e* of *femynyne* (1365) is due to an association of this sort. Observe also the list of French adjectives that have an inorganic *-e* (§ 52.).

For the French plural in *-s* (Child, § 43; ten Brink, § 243), see *the goddys celestials*, 460 f (: signals *n.*).

§ 64. Adjectives in the Comparative Degree usually end in *H.F.* in *-er*.

(a) fouler, 1638. — gretter, 1378. — wydder, 797.

(b) lenger (A.S. lengra), 1282; lengerē, 1371.

(c) better (A.S. bet(e)ra, bettra), 1667. — bet, — I am no bet, 108.

more (A.S. māra), I. as *adj. sing. indef.* with nouns and pronouns, — hit semed moche more, 500 f (: sore *inf.*); more Iolytee, 682; No more semed than a prikke, 907; welmore than hit was, 1290; waxen . . . more . . . Than hyt was, 1495; more encres, 2074; more, *20, 2082. — The A.S. *þȳ*-construction, — the more parte, 336, 344, 1881. II. more, *substantive use*, — what wilt thou more, 883 f (: sore *inf.*); What shulde I more telle, 1513; gan . . . to eche (*addere*) . . . more, 2067.

mo, moo, *plural* (A.S. mā, *neut. subs.*), 121, 123, 124, 125, 674, 675, 677, 679, 685 (*bis*), 686 (*bis*), 687, 689, 693, 695, 697, 1254, 1949 f (: goo *inf.*). Willert's emendation in the following verse seems very reasonable: And eke moo holdynge[s] in honde(s), 692.

wors[e] (A.S. wiersa, wyrsa), wors[e] name, 1620.

§ 65. The Comparative and Superlative of adjectives are sometimes formed by means of *more* and *most* (Child, § 38, *d*; cf. ten Brink, § 245).

A single example of each of these formations appears in *H.F.* — more clere entendement, 983. — most conseruatyf, 847.

§ 66. The Superlative of adjectives ends in *-est*.

leuest, — That hem were leuest, 87. — For *first*, see 145, 2097.

For superlative in the definite use, cf. §§ 53, 56, 57, 70.

§ 67. The Plural of monosyllabic adjectives ends in *-e*.

In the following list no definite or vocative forms are included without notice. Here also are included adjectives which sometimes or always have *-e* in the singular.

I. Adjectives standing immediately before the nouns modified :
faire (A.S. *fæger* ; for *sing.* cf. § 49), *1967.

goode (A.S. *gōd* ; for *sing.* cf. § 49). But we have no certain instance of sounded *-e* for this word. It occurs only in the expression *good werkes*, variously written by the several authorities. We may fairly assume that B T are correct in writing *werke* (*sing.*) in 1558 :

Of good werke yive vs good renoun.

In 1666 all (except T, which omits *now*) read :

That now your good werkes be wiste. In this case we should doubtless have *good[e]*.

P C T are certainly correct in 1707 :

To hide (F B *And hidden*) her gode werkes eke. This is better suited both to sound and sense.

But there is no question of lack of final *-e* here :

Good werkes shal you noght availle, 1616. (Cf. § 68).

grete (A.S. *grēat* ; for *sing.* cf. § 49), 53, 900, 902, 1154, 1192.

lowde (A.S. *hlūd* ; for *sing.* cf. § 49), 1217.

newe (A.S. *nēowe*, *nīowe* ; for *sing.* cf. § 46), 654, 1886, 1887.

olde (A.S. *eald*, *ald* ; for *sing.* cf. § 49), 694, 1442. But in neither case is *-e* sounded. The verses :

Of olde forleten aqueyntaunces, 694 ;

As wel as other olde mervaylles, 1442.

But in the latter example P C T give a verse without *olde* :

As wel as of other meruayles. (Cf. § 68).

ryche (A.S. *rīce*), 123, 1322.

slowe (A.S. *slāw*), 1778.

smale (A.S. *smæl*), 1209.

II. Adjectives following the nouns they modify :

falwe (A.S. *fealu*, *fealo*), 1936.

ful (A.S. *full*. *Sing.* *ful*), (+ *vowel*), 1396, 1778.

glade (A.S. *glæd*), 1889 f (: made 3 *sg. pt. ind.*

grene (A.S. *grēne* *græne* ; for *sing.* cf. § 49), 1937.

lyght[e] (A.S. *leoht*, *liht*, *shortened from* *lēoht*. *Sing.* *lyght*), 743 f (: *hight[e] n.*). But *-e* is written in none of the authorities.

ofte (A.S. *oft*, *adv.*), 35 f (: *Vn-softe adj. post. sg.*).

olde (A.S. *eald*, *ald* ; for *sing.* cf. § 49), 1233.

rede (A.S. *rēad*. *Sing.* *rede*), 1936 f (: *rede 1 sg. pr. ind.*).

yonge (A.S. *geong*, etc.), 1233 f (: *tonge n.*).

III. fele (A.S. feola, fela, Ps. N. feolu, feolo; really old neut. adj.), names fele, 1137 f (: wele *n.*); fele yen, 1381; fele vpstondyng eres, 1389; entrees As fele, 1946.
fewe (A.S. fēawe, fēawa, Ps. fēa), they were wonder fewe, 1691 f (: in a rewe).

IV. The single example of a monosyllabic superlative in the plural appears without *-e*: Where thou maist most tydynges here, 2025.

V. Cardinal numerals (Child, § 39, *c*; ten Brink, § 247).

four (A.S. fēower, North. feuer, fēor), the bestes four, 1383 f (: honoure *inf.*).

sevene (A.S. sēofon, W.S. seofan, seofen, siofon), Doughtres sevene, 1007 f; sterres sevene, 1376 f; other seuene, 1437 f.

Rhyme words. — heuene, (1007, 1376), neuene *inf.* (1437).

eighte (A.S. eahta, North. æhta, æhto, æhtowe), hir eighte sustren, 1401.

twelue (A.S. twelf, North. twølf), Many thousand tymes twelue, 1216 f, 2126 f (*both*: hem selue).

Note. — Other numerals, — *on*, *oon* (see § 79), *two* (1116 f, 299 f, 689, 1144 f, 2093, 2104), *twoo* (772), *three* (204), *XXth*. (1335, 2119), *sixty* (1979), *thousand* (1216, 1949, 2119, 2126), *thousandē* (75, 1495).

VI. Monosyllabic participles (see also § 68).

An how his shippes dreynte were, 233; Thilke that vnbrende were, 173; Been al the dores . . . vnshet[te], 1953 f (: let *impedire.*).

VII. Romance adjectives:

noble (O.F. noble), noble gestes, 1737. — pore (O.F. povre), pore and ryche, 1532.

VIII. Adjectives which are both plural and definite of course have *-e*:

the Egles fethres bright[e] (F B *lack the line*), 507 f (: lyght *inf.*); the fynest stones faire, 1351 f (: lapidaire *n.*); fals[e] theves (*vocative*), 1779;

And with hys grym[me] pawes stronge

Within hys sharpe nayles longe, 541-2;

the roches holowe, 1035 f (: swalowe *inf.*); hys shuldres hye, 1435 (: lewerye *n.*); the olde gestes, 1515; my sorwes smert[e], 316 f (: hert *n.*); the dores wide, 1420 f (syde *n.*). — these straunge thynges, 1236.

§ 68. Monosyllabic perfect participles standing in the predicate regularly take no *-e* in the plural.

(i.) Before consonants and at the end of the verse: — loues . . . That ben (F B *lack ben*) betyde, 680; in the see were

leftē behynde, 238 ; we ben wel quyt, 1614 f (: hyt *pro.*) ; your good werkes be wist(e), 1666 f (: leste 3 *sg. pr. ind.*) ; corovnes wrought ful of losynges, 1317. — (ii.) Before vowels and *h* : — his shippes . . . were . . . lost he nyste where, 234 ; youre Actes red and songe, 347 ; They wer set as thik, 1350.

But in three cases the *-e* appears : And how his shippes dreynte were, 233 ; Thilke that vnbrende were, 173 ; Been al the dores . . . vnshet[te], 1953 f (: let *inf.*). In the last example *F* alone shows the abbreviated forms *vnshet*, *let*.

§ 69. Monosyllabic adjectives standing in the predicate do not always take *-e* in the plural (Child, § 41 ; ten Brink, § 234).

let your werkes be ded(e), 1701 f (: hede *n.*) ; ye (*vos*) be lyke the swynt[e] catte, 1783 ; be ye (*vos*) wood(e), 1713 f (: goode *n. acc.*) ; they were wod(e), 1809 f (: hode *n.*).

So occasionally when the plural adjective is used attributively.

Ten Brink's remark, " Im Plural des attributiv stehenden Adjektivs (gleichviel ob starker oder schwacher Flexion) tritt die Apocope [des flexivischen *-e*] kaum ein ; niemals, wenn der Adjectiv voransteht " (§ 236), is expressly contradicted by the following verse :

Of olde forleten aqueyntaunces, 694. So also :

As wel as other olde mervayles, 1442. In the latter verse, however, PCT show variant readings, omitting *olde*. To these we may add :

Good werkes shal you noght availle, 1616. But *good werkes* is a quasi-compound.

Note. — For plurals standing before vowels, cf. *fressh* (1156), *goode* (1756), *good* (1780), *ryche* (1532), *wise* (1756). For other examples of plurals in the predicate, cf. *glade* (645 f), *grene* (1947), *meke* (1402 f), *white* (1937 f), *wide* (1952 f), *wrothe* (2103 f), *y-lyche* (1328 f).

§ 70. For adjectives of more than one syllable which do not stand at the end of the verse, the rule as to *-e* in the plural is the same as that already stated for the definite and vocative constructions (§ 56). Of such adjectives those alone take *-e* which have a primary or secondary accent on the ultima, and are followed by a word accented on the first syllable (cf. Child § 40 ; ten Brink, § 233).

(a) They wer a-cheked bothe two, 2093 ; arryved were, 1047 ;

somme corowned wer, 1316 ; boystes Crammed ful, 2129 ; shrippes entremedled with, 2124 ; feyned reparacions, 688 ; for-leten aqueyntaunces, 694 ; greses growen in, 1351 ; dores opened wide, 1952 ; roten slowe techches, 1778 ; we be served, 337 ; longe y-served loues, 678 ; they Shul thus be shamed, 1634 ; wenyed wondres, 2118.

(b) we wreched wymmen, 335 ; wikked thewes, 1834.

(c) vs . . . happy vnto, 1757 ; ye maisty Swyne, 1777 ; myghty werkes, 1504 ; his slepy thousande sones, 75 ; sondry glees, 1252 ; sondry habitacles, 1194 ; sondry regiouns, 1529 ; sondry stages, 122 ; these sory creatures, 1632 ; thy werray neygh[e]bor[e]s, 649 ; seuene . . . worthy for to neuene, 1438 ; vs . . . worthy wise and gode, 1756.

(d) These ben eyryssh bestes, 932 ; the ayerissh bestes, 965.

(e) fele vpstondyng eres, 1389 ; wonder thynges, 674, 1893 ; ydel al oure lyfe y-be, 1733 ; ye ydel wrechches, 1777.

(f) certeyn ascendentes, 1268 ; dyvers transmutacions, 1969 ; famous folkis names, 1137 ; famous were, 1249 ; the meruelouse signaïs, 459 ; So palpablè they shùlden be, 869 ; many subtilè compassinges, 1188.

§ 71. The treatment of the plural of adjectives of more than one syllable at the end of the verse is illustrated by the following examples :

Be we cried or still y-rovned

Thus saugh I fals and sothe compovned, 2107-8 ;
we ben deceyuyd (F *lacks the line*), 340 f (: receyved *pp.*).

For the single instance of the French plural (Child, § 43), cf. *the goddys celestials*, 460 f (: *signals n.*).

§ 72. Adjectives in A.S. *-lic* (*-lic*), O.N. *-ligr*, appear in *H.F.* with the ending *-ly*.

Ten Brink's theory (§ 270) that Chaucer was inclined to use *-lich* instead of *-ly* when the following word began with a vowel is not supported in *H.F.* There is but a single example of *-lich*, as follows :

Hath his kyndelych[e] stede, 829. Here *lych[e]* is certainly correct, and appears to be used solely to fill out the measure of the verse. The variants are, — B *kyndly*, T *kyndlyche*, PC *lack the verse*.

frendly chere, 1743 ; frendly manere, 278 ; euery kyndely thyng, 730 ; a kyndely stede, 731 ; hys kyndely enclynyng, 734 ; his kyndely place, 842.

PRONOUNS.

§ 73. I. Personal Pronouns.

I (A.S. *ic*), 12, 13, 14, 52, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65, etc., etc.; y, 477, 548, 764, 782, 850, 854, 864, etc. *I* is the ruling form.

Rhyme words. — Adverbs in *-ly* (13, 52, 62, 129, 313, 582, 1046, 1128, 1320, 1391, 1404, 2138), why (999), mercy (1873), by (1989).

thou (A.S. *þū*), 202, 574, 577, 602, 603, 607, 615, 624, etc., etc.; thow, 596, 793, 1839, etc. The reduced form *-ow* is very often attached to verbs, — artow, 1872; herestow, 1031, 1862; maistow, 1024; nostow, 1010; shaltow, 2026; wostow, 1000, 1784, 1791; *but*, — darst thou, 560; fairest thou, 887; maystē thou, 747; mayst thou, 826; shalt thou, 711; wilt thou, 883; wost thou, 781, 790, 863. The contracted form is uniform in B, while P never shows it.

Rhyme word. — now (778).

he (A.S. *hē*), 14, 78, 81, 98, 101, 102, 107, 115, 166 (*bis*), 176, 185, 187, etc., etc.; hee, 454, 904, etc.; hye, 1595. Common in rhyme, — 193, 225, 307, 364, 454, 904, etc.

she, 163, 184, 191, 235, 240, 268, 284, 296, 299, 300, etc., etc.; shee, 256. Common in rhyme, — 242, 256, 323, 358, 1081, etc.

hyt, hit (A.S. *hit*), *nom.*, *acc.*, and with *prepositions*, 2, 6, 46, 50, 51, 83, 91, 92, 97, 102, 112, 130, and *passim*; *occasionally* yt, it, 822, 1033, 1042, 1108, 1623, 1680. In rhyme there are two examples, — hyt(te), 701 f (: witte *n.*); hyt, 1613 f (: quyt *pp. pred. plur.*). Except in our MS. *it* is the prevailing form.

me (A.S. *mē*), *dat.*, *acc.*, and with *prepositions*. (a) Dative without preposition, 119, 300, 313, 499, 560, 853, 870, etc.

(b) Other oblique uses, 60, 107, 317 (mee), 324, 565, 576, and *passim*. Reflexive, 246, 1286. Common in rhyme, — 107, 324, 565, 576, 874, 887, 893, etc.

the (A.S. *þē*), *dat.*, *acc.*, and with *prepositions*. (a) Dative without preposition, 578, 601, 726, 782, 871, 894, etc.

(b) Other oblique uses, 526, 598, 599, 600, 613, 627, 662, and *passim*. Reflexive, 627. Common in rhyme, 606, 648 (thee), 839, 870, 894, 1044, etc.

hym, him (A.S. *him*), *dat.*, *acc.*, and with *prepositions*.

(a) Dative without preposition, 32, 101, 255, 423, etc.

(b) Other oblique uses, 169, 191, 257, 259, 260, 412, 413, 420, and *passim*. Reflexive, 231, 389, etc. Not in rhyme. hir, her (A.S. hire), *dat.*, *acc.*, and *with prepositions*. (a) Dative without preposition, 263, 368, 395, etc. (b) Other oblique uses, 185, 232, 267, 294, 295, 297, 298, 371, 403, 414, 416, 418, 424, etc. Within the verse final *-e* is nowhere written, and this is true of the other MSS. as well. In rhyme there are two examples, both with sounded *-e*, — to hire, 420 f (: swere *inf.*) ; here, *acc.*, 1003 f (bere *n.*).

we (A.S. wē), 337, 339, 886, 1553, 1697 f (: bounte *n.*), etc. ye (A.S. gē), 330, 338, 343, 512, 520, and *passim* ; as singular, 213, 320, 322, 326, and *passim*.

Rhyme words. — pitee *n.* (326), be *inf.* (1258).

they (O.N. þeir), 84, 683, 706, 744, 869, 999, and *passim*. Does not occur in rhyme.

vs (A.S. ūs), *dat.*, *acc.*, and *with prepositions*. (a) Dative without preposition, 1, 58, 406, 1536, 1609, 1748, etc. (b) Other oblique uses, 293, 465, 466, 470, 1313, 1537, etc. Reflexive, 2102.

Rhyme words. — Theseus (406), Venus (465), thus (470), Eolus (1862).

yow (A.S. ēow), *dat.*, *acc.*, and *with prepositions*. (a) Dative without preposition, 65, 109, 150, 529, 547, etc. ; yow(e), 1418 f, 1822 f. (b) Other oblique uses, 252, 339, 1179, 1256, 1343, and *passim*. (c) As singular, 324, 329 (yowe), 346, and often.

Rhyme words. — how (547), nowe (1418, 1822).

hem, hym, him (A.S. him, heom), *dat.*, *acc.*, and *with prepositions*. (a) Dative without preposition, 40, 83, 87, 90, 684, etc. (b) Other oblique uses, 15, 19, 22, 88, 474, 640, 928 (P *them*), and *passim*. hym, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1214. him 1582.

§ 74. II. Possessive Pronouns.

my, myn (A.S. mīn). I. Singular. (a) my *before consonants* : my gynnyngē, 66 ; my sweuene, 79 ; my fauor, 519 ; my brayn, 525 ; my dreame, 527 ; my felynge, 552 ; my name, 558 ; my mynde, 564 ; my ryght honde, 1294 ; also 583, 702, 710, 776, 871, 1182, etc., etc. (b) myn *before vowels* : myn ye, 498, 906, 1492 ; myn ymagynacion, 728 ; myn age, 1986 ; myn egle, 1990 ; myn entente, 2000 ; myn entent, 2132 ; but my arte, 1882. (c) myn *before h* : myn hede, 273, 1103, 1702 ; myn hert, 1148 ; but my hert (P *myn*), 1570. (d) myn *postpositive* : lady myn he seyde. II. Plural. (a)

my : my fete, 1050. (b) myn : myn eyen, 495, 1408. III. myn *noun omitted* : Ywel thrifte come to your Iowes And eke to myn, 1787.

thy, thyn (A.S. *þin*). I. Singular. (a) *thy before consonants* : thy prowē, 579 ; thy frende, 582 ; thy trouthe, 613, 889 ; thy witte, 620 ; thy studye, 633 ; thy labour, 652 ; thy grete myght, 1092 ; also 658, 925, 971, 1405, 1537, etc., etc. (b) *thyn before vowels* : thyn engyne, 528 ; thyn abstynence, 660 ; thyn advertence, 709 ; thyn ovne boke, 712 ; thyn ye, 935 ; thyn aventure, 1052 ; thyn other trumpe, 1672 ; thyn ovne sworn brother, 2101. (c) *thyn, thy, before h* : thyn hede, 632 ; thyn hande, 741 ; thyn heuynesse, 2011 ; thy hede (P *thyn*), 621 ; thy house (P *thyn*), 659 ; thy hertys reste, 2017. II. Plural. (a) *thy* : thy werray neyghbors, 649 ; thy dors, 650. (b) *thyn* : thyn eres, 879.

hys, his (A.S. *his*), so *passim* with both masculine and neuter nouns singular and plural : his slepy thousand sones, 75 ; his fals forswerynge, 153 ; his chere and his lesynge, 154 ; hys bakke, 169 ; hys honde, 171 ; his shippes, 233 ; his ye, 291 ; his aventure, 463 ; hys grym pawes, 541 ; hys sharpe nayles, 542 ; hys arte, 627 ; his other clarioun, 1579, etc., etc. The spelling *hys* is the commoner of the two.

hir, her, hyr (A.S. *hire*), so *passim* before vowels and consonants singular and plural : hir figure, 132 ; hir hede, 134 ; hyr hede, 136 ; hir dowves, 137 ; hir blynde sone, 138 ; Hyr lyfe hir loue hir luste hir lorde, 258 ; hir hondes two, 299 ; her skyn, 1229 ; hir fete, 1374, 1391 ; hir eyen, 1379 ; hir heere, 1386 ; hir eighte sustren, 1401, etc., etc. The form *hir* largely predominates, *hyr*, *her* being very unusual except in C T.

oure, our (A.S. *ūre*). I. Singular. (a) *before consonants* : our myght, 1694 ; our name, 1696 ; oure lyfe, 1733 ; oure gret ese, 1753 ; oure fame, 1836. (b) *before vowels* : our ovne gentil lady, 1311. (c) *before h* : oure herte, 1749. II. Plural. (a) *oure* sorwes, 1610 ; our werkes, 1696.

your (A.S. *ēower*), so *passim*. In the examples cited below singular antecedents are marked as such. I. Singular : Your loue ne your bonde (s.), 321 ; your ryght honde (s.), 322 ; your loue, 341 ; your cause (s.), 1563 ; your soule (s.), 1612 ; your askynge, 1700. II. Plural : your good werkes, 1666 ; your werkes, 1701.

her, hir (A.S. *heora*, *hiera*), so *passim*. I. Singular. (a) *before consonants* : hir signifaunce, 17 ; her brayne, 24 ; her thought, 92 ; hir matere, 637 ; her description, 987 ; hir

fame, 1146; her tyme, 1249, 1523, etc., etc. (*b*) *before vowel*: her axying, 1541. (*c*) *before h*: her hert, 1799; her hode, 1810. II. Plural. (*a*) her loues, 86; hir kyndes, 968; her places, 1014; her fames, 1139; her loses, 1688; her goode werkes, 1707; her lestes, 1738, etc. The spelling *her* predominates largely. P shows *here* frequently, always monosyllabic. C has *theyr* occasionally, — 156, 987, etc.

§ 75. III. Reflexive and Intensive Pronouns.

The compounds of *self* (A.S. *self*, *sylf*, etc.) appear in *H.F.* in the forms *-self*, *-selfe*, *-selue*, *-selfen* (Child, § 46; ten Brink, § 255. Cf. also § 79, below).

my selfē. — I wil my selfē alle hyt drynke, 1880.

thy selfe, thy selfen. — Thow demest of thy selfe amys, 596;

And wost thy selfen outtirly Disesperat of alle blys, 2014-15.

hym self[ē], hym selfe. — And alle the batayles that hee Was at hym selfe and eke hys knyghtis, 454-5; Euery sercle causynge other Wydder than hym self[ē] was, 796-7.

hir selfe, hir selfē, hir selfe. — Wherefore she slowe hir selfe allas, 268; Quod she to hir-selfē thoo, 319; She rofe hir selfē to the herte, 373; She henge hir selfe ryght be the hals, 394.

hem selue. — A fer fro hem alle be hem selue, 1215 f (: *twelue num.*).

§ 76. IV. Demonstrative Pronouns.

No distinction is attempted between the substantive and adjective uses.

that (A.S. *þæt*), 7, 9, 20, 244, 563, 651, 951, 1064, etc., etc.; *in rhyme*, 1887 f, 2050 f (*both*: what *pro.*).

thoo, tho (A.S. *þā*), Of thoo that hadde large fame, 1412; Tho behynde (be)gunne vp lepe, 2150.

thilke, *plur.*, Thilke that vnbrende were, 173.

that ylke, *sing.*, that ylke place, 1169; that ylke shrewe, 1842.

this, thys. I. *Sing.*, 8, 9, 11, 20, 23, 53, 54, 74, 157, 239, 279, 286, and *passim*. Common in rhyme, — 517, 577, 652, 699, 729, 863, 914, etc. There is one instance of *these*: Of these yates florissshinges, 1301, — apparently through misapprehension of the number of *yates*. II. *Plur.* these (these, thes), *monosyllabic except in 2009*: Fynally with these thinges. Cf. these, 11, 12, 37, 716, 750, 845, 1008, 1264, 1288, 1331, 1455, 1471, 1503, 1632, 1793, 1894, 1938, 1939, 2127; thise, 1225; thes fumiygaciones, 1264.

thys ylke, this ilke, *sing.*, thys ylke noble quene, 1409; this ilke noble quene, 1535. — these ilke, *plur.*, Which these ilke louers leden, 37.

Note. — A remnant of the A.S. demonstrative *þæm*, *þām*, *þān*, is seen in the phrases *for the nones* (2087) and *wyth the nones* (2099 f). The A.S. instrumental appears in *the ferther . . . the gretter* (1651-2), and in such phrases as *the lesse* (620).

§ 77. V. Interrogative Pronouns.

whoo, *nom.* (A.S. *hwā*), 474.

whos, *gen.*, not observed.

whom, *dat. and acc.*, not observed.

what, I. Subs., *nom.*, 601, 1147, 1158, 1839, etc.; *acc.*, 320, 1636, 1784 f (what(te)), 1887 f, 2094 f, etc. II. Adj., *nom.*, 781, 1123, 1342, 1543, etc.; *acc.*, 475, 587, etc.; of what congeled matere, 1126.

Rhyme words. — *catte n.* (1784), that *pro.* (1887, 2094).

Note. — For *what* = *why* cf. 1282, 1513. Remnants of the instrumental *hwȳ* are seen in *why* (995, 1000 f) and in *ffor-whȳ* (20), *for whȳ* (725), *for whȳ* (1183).

which, see under Relatives, § 78.

§ 78. VI. Relative Pronouns and Pronominal Adjectives, and the Interrogative (etc.) *which*.

that, *a general relative for all genders and numbers*, 38, 54, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 82, 83, 84, 87, 90, 91, and *passim*; that = *id quod*, 354, 361, 1024, 1519; *also* what that = *id quod*, 110, 380, etc.; that = *ei qui*, 1550; that . . . his = whose, 139; that . . . her = whose, 1402.

whom, — For whom was maked moch compleynt, 924; *also* Of whom that speketh virgilius, 1244.

who-so, who so, *12, 94, 447, 807, etc.; who-sò, 377.

what so, — what so cometh fro any tonge, 721; *also* what so euer in al these three Is spoken, 716-17.

what, as a "general relative," — in what place That hem were leuest for to stonde, 87-88; For what I drye or what I thynke I wil my selfe alle hyt drynke, 1879-80.

Interesting are, — What with his sours and with my drede, 551; The thynges that I herde there What a lovde and what in ere, 2057-8.

which. — I. Interrogative (in indirect questions and exclamations): which (= *quales*) they ben, 999; which (= *qualis*) a congregacion, 2034. II. Relative. (i.) Sing. (a) *pronoun*: which, 446, 607, 755, 843, etc.; whiche, 529, 969, 1493, 1581, etc.; whiche, 37, 1349, 1444, etc.; which that, 176, 437, 531, 633, etc.; wich that, 1077; whiche that, 609, 949, 1326, 2156. (b) *adjective*: thurgh which magike, 1269; vnto

whiche place, 733. (ii.) Plur. (a) which 772, 1265, etc.; whiche, 1255, 1427, 1455; which that, 931, 1253, etc. the whiche, the which, — *only in singular*. Pronoun, the which as, 64; the whiche, 1069. Adjective, the whiche Anchises, 171.

suche (A.S. swilc, swelc). I. Sing., *always monosyllabic*: suche a, 103, 517, 1524, 1645, 1841; suche another, 1296, 1367, 1914; swich a nother, 1171; suche vntrouthe, 384, 395; suche folk (F *folkes*), 1828; suche noblesse, 471; suche richesse, 472; suche renoun, 1709, etc. — he suche semed, 264; Suche as, 1746; That oure fame suche be knowe, 1836. II. Plur., *dissyllabic*: suche dremes, 35; suche wordes, 311; suche thynges, 1889. But in the following verse *suche* gives a harsh reading: But these be no suche tydynges, 1894.

§ 79. VII. Other pronominal words.

samē (O.N. samr; *definite* sami; cf. A.S. same, *adv.*), the same, *pro. sg.*, 2063. Adjective in the *definite use*: the same wyse, 1061; the same wight, 1076; the same body, 1081; the same thing the same bone, 1774.

selfē (A.S. sylf, self; *definite*, sylfa, selfa), the selfe day, 1157. somme, some, sum (A.S. sum), *monosyllabic except in rhyme*.

I. Adj. (a) *sing.*: somme man, 29; somme disport, 664; somme recompensacion, 665; somme maner thinge, 670; somme good, 1998, etc.; sum place, 827. (b) *plur.*: somme newe tydynges, 1886. II. Subs., *plur.*: somme, 1539; some, 1540; somme, 6, 34, 1538; somme, 5 f (: come *inf.*); al and some, 46 f (: come *inf.*).

sumwhat, somme what (A.S. sumhwæt), sumwhat here, 1998; somme what for to eche, 2065. Also used adverbially, — sumwhat agreable, 1097.

other (A.S. oðer). I. Adj. (a) *sing.*: other thinge, 891; other maner, 1219; that other syde, 1151; non other auttor, 314; another booke, 657; another whele, 794; another ayre, 813, etc. (b) *plur.*: other werkes, 54; noon other weyes, 585; other thynges, 643, 743; other clerkys, 760; other seuene, 1437, etc. II. Subs. (a) *sing.*: another, 307, 1296; a nother, 1171; other, 796 f, 799, 815 f, 817, 2102 f. (b) *plur.*: other, 23, 1246, 2151.

Rhyme word. — brother n.

Note. — For the *gen. sing.*, cf. otheres sterynge, 800; others ere, 2044. Perhaps the *gen. pl.* is seen in *other heles*, 2153.

eche, ech (A.S. ælc), *adj.*, eche disese, 89; *subs.*, eche of hem, 745, 2096; ech of the pynacles, 1193; eche of these, 1470;

echē of vs, 1537 ; They had good fame echē deserued, 1545 ; echē with other, 2102 ; she gan yeve echē hys name, 2112. — echon, 150 f (: anon).

euery (A.S. *æfre* + A.S. *ælc*) counts as a dissyllable (cf. ten Brink, § 262). The usual spelling is *euery* (1, 58, 65, 80, 99, 210, 254, etc., etc.) ; but also *euerych* (817), and *eueryche* (47, 975).

euerychon, euerychoon, 337 f, 1660 f, 1717 f, 1772 f, 1776 f.

Rhyme words. — anon (1660, 1717, 1772), groon *inf.* (337), doon *pp.* (1776).

any, eny (A.S. *ænig*), *sing.* and *plur.*, — usually spelt *any* (99, 261, 333, 478, etc.) ; but also *eny* (1074, 1122).

eyther (A.S. *ægðer*), *adj.*, on eyther syde, 1419 ; eyther bere, 1004.

neyther (A.S. *ne* + A.S. *ægðer*), *subs.*, neyther of hem, 2094. bothe (O.N. *bāðir*), *adj.*, Til hyt at bothē brinkes bee 803 ; They wer a-cheked bothē two, 2093 ; bothē, *subs.*, 2104 f (: wrothe *pred. adj. pl.*).

ovne, see § 53, V.

men = one. The use of *men* as an indefinite pronoun (= Ger. *man*) is very common. The verb accompanying it seems sometimes singular, sometimes plural ; and it is often difficult to distinguish between this indefinite *men* and *men* meaning people in general : — men clepeth, 73, 937 ; men may . . . rede, 385 ; men may casten, 1048 ; men seyn, 1147 ; men had writen, 1156 ; men myght hyt han herd, 1929 ; men may yet seen, 1948 ; etc. The shortened form *me* occurs once, — B 73. Observe also : As smale as *man* may se, 487.

oon, oo, o ; noon, non, no (A.S. *ān*, *nān*). I. The full forms are found in all substantive constructions ; so also in adjective constructions when the adjective follows its noun or stands by itself in the predicate. Thus, — That useth oon, 562 ; Hier stant ther non, 1117 ; oon or two, 1144 ; oon seyde, 1477 ; good fame non, 1560 f ; that oon, 1855 f ; oon that stode, 1869 ; porter ther is noon, 1954 ; oon had herde, 2060. II. In the attributive position, *oo*, *o* are regular before consonants, *oon* occurring once ; *no* is the invariable form before consonants, *noon*, *non* before vowels and *h*. — o thyng, 1068 ; o sentence, 1100 ; oo thing, 1650 ; *but* oon thyng, 2002 ; oo tydyng, 2109. — no man, 32, 60, 680, 763 ; no maner creature, 489 ; no wonder, 913 ; no fors, 999, 1011, 1910 ; no riches, 1423 ; no fame, 1709, 1716 ; no good, 1795 ; etc. — noon oppinion, 55 ; non other auttour, 314 ;

noon arte, 335 ; noon harme, 577 ; non harme, 1045. *Plural.*
 (a) no tydynges, 644 ; (b) noon other weyes, 585.
 ought, aught (A.S. *āwiht*, *āht*, *ōwiht*, *ōht*), whan thou hast
 of ought knowynge, 891 ; Wilt thou lere of sterres aught,
 993 f ; ought thow knowest, 912 (F B *lack the line*).
 noght, naught, novght (A.S. *nāwiht*, etc.), of noght elles,
 646 ; Sovne is noght but eyre, 765 ; quod y ryght naught,
 994 f ; Good werkes shal yow noght availle, 1616 ; Ne of
 Fame wolde they novght, 1712 f ; Ne elles noght from wym-
 men sent, 1742 ; *also* That skorne hyt noght(e), 91 f ; goo
 noght away, 317 ; And noght hym nor his folke dispisest,
 638 ; noght only, 647 ; Hyt nedeth noght, 1072, 1299 ;
 Though I hem noght be ordre telle, 1453 ; me lyst hyt
 noght, 1797 ; etc.
 many a (A.S. *manig*), *sing.*, *dissyllabic*, — many a shrewde
 vice, 275 ; many a rowe, 448 ; many a citezeyn, 930 ; many
 a creature, 2040 ; many a peler, 1421. — many oon (*trisyl.*),
 760 f (: *platon pr. n.*), 1207 f (: *glascursion pr. n.*), 1308 f
 (: *anoon*), 1915 f (: *goon inf.*) ; *but* many oon (*dissyl.*),
 2026. — many, *plur.*, many wyse, 771 ; many subtile com-
 passinges, 1188 ; many thousand tymes twelue, 1216 ; many
 frenges, 1318 ; many other werkynges, 1944 ; *subs.*, So
 many formed be nature, 2039.

§ 80. *Al*, singular.

I. In its strictly adjective use *al* is commonest before the
 definite article and other more or less definite words. Thus,
 — before *the*, 167, 201, 207, 259, 375, 451, 486, 906, 969,
 988, 1114, 1181, 1525, 1601, 1629, 1633, 1640, 1684, 1807,
 1826, 1829, 1932, 2055 ; before *this*, 348, 468, 1065, 1113,
 1161, 1266, 1285, 1551, 1935 ; before *that*, 933, 1064 ; before
my, 527, 552, 1016, 1175, 1986, 2023, 2132 ; before *thy*, 200,
 2017 ; before *his*, 174, 428, 463, 611 ; before *hir* (*poss. sing.*),
 362 (*bis*), 462 ; before *our*, 1694, 1733 ; before *your*, 1700 ;
 before *her* (*poss. plur.*), 156. — There are two examples
 before the indefinite article, — *al a Realme*, 704 ; *alle a Citee*,
 2080. — In one expression only does it seem to qualify the
 noun immediately, — *al day* (386, 737). For *al dispence*
 (260) read *al the dispence* for metrical reasons. — For *alt his*,
 cf. 705, 1341, etc.

Note. — In these uses *al* is the prevailing spelling ; but *alle*
 (*monosyl.*) is not infrequent (201, 988, 1161, 1175, 1181, etc.)
 and *all* occurs rarely (933, 969).

II. As a substantive, *alle* (*monosyl.*) is the usual form ; but
al occurs with some frequency, and there is an occasional *all*.

Examples: he that mouer ys of all(e), 81 f (: shalle 3 sg. *pr. ind.*); send hem alle that may hem plese, 90; hyt had al be so, 262; alle that euer he myght swere, 422; al that I mette, 523; in hir matere al devisest, 637; alle that y of spake, 978; alle ys wele, 1021; Alle was of ston, 1184; alle that longeth vnto fame, 1200; flore and roof and all(e), 1344 f (: walle *n. nom.*); I wil my selfe alle hyt drynke, 1880; Alle mote oute, 2139. Here may also be put such uses as, — *when thy labour doon al ys* (652), *The halle was al ful* (1514), *alle to good* (1799), *Alle to longe* (1506), *alle a fire* (1858). In many of these *alle* (*al*) has the force of an adverb; in others the substantive or adjective force is stronger. Cf. 288, 296, 506, 1196, 1306, 1354, 1360, 1362 f (: imperiall *adj.*), 1458, 1649, 2105, etc. — ouer al, 684. — here with *alle*, 567; her withal (+ *cons.*), 1606; ther with alle, 2031; but with alle, 1528 f, 2141 f (: both : halle *n.*); with-alle, 212 f (: on the walle). In the last example our MS. is alone in writing -e, and there is reasonable doubt whether it should be sounded. Wi., Sk. and He., however, all show it.

- III. *Allē*, singular (cf. Child, § 30; Freudenberger, p. 35). The form *allē* in the singular is found or required in the following verses:

And how with al[le] pyne he went, 222;
But vp I clombe with alle payne, 1118;
Disesperat of alle blys, 2015.

It is of course possible to accent the first syllable in each of these verses, but it makes very rough reading.

- IV. *Allē*, plural. Whether adjective or substantive, *allē* is the proper form in the plural. The regular elision or omission of -e before vowels takes place, and -e is sometimes lacking where the metre requires it. Thus, — al and some, 46; Of alle that they drewe to yere, 84; And for to stonde al in grace, 85; al[le] kyndes, 204; al[le] these, 1008; herd y crien alle, 1313 f (: halle *n.*); weren alle, 1323; alle wyse, 1347; besoughten alle, 1706 f (: falle *inf.*); alle thing, 1837; al[le] tymes, 2121; they were alle, 2149. — In the following examples the adverbial force seems to predominate: Or he had al ywonne hys ryghtis, 456; Now wil we speke al of game, 886; And gunne choppen al aboute, 1824.
- V. But *alle* is the plural form before demonstratives, etc., when these words count as a syllable. Thus, — al youre Actes, 347; al the wordes, 376; alle the batayles, 454; alle the mervelouse signals, 459; al the pies, 703; al the spies, 704; al these three, 716; al the leuens sygnes, 998; al the

men, 1167; alle the pepil, 1283; Al these armes, 1331; al the paleys walles, 1398; alle these clerkes, 1503; al the gestes, 1518; alle your foos, 1668; alle the worlde, 1721; alle her lestes, 1738; al the dores, 1952; alle the houses Angles, 1959; Alle the sheves, 2140.

Note. — The following examples seem plural and have been registered as such:

But for to prove in alle wyse, 1347;

That alle the worlde may of hyt here, 172;

In alle thing ryght as hit is, 1837.

Ten Brink (§ 255) leaves the impression that it is only before the article or other defining word that *alle* (*pl.*) is monosyllabic. Cf., however, — And al that vsed clarion, 1247. And see the following example, though *alle* here must certainly be adverbial: A fer fro hem alle be hem selue, 1215.

§ 81. The genitive plural of *al* (cf. Child, § 44; ten Brink, § 255) remains in *H.F.* in, — alther first, 1368; alderfirste, 1429; alther fastest, 2131. Observe in this connection *al the wonder most*, 2059.

ADVERBS AND OTHER PARTICLES.

§ 82. Anglo-Saxon adverbs in *-e* preserve their termination in *H.F.* (Child, § 69; ten Brink, § 246, Anm.).

Here are also included a few later analogical formations.

For *blyve*, *inne*, *oute*, *thanne*, *whanne*, see § 88.

brode (A.S. *brāde*), 1683.

bryghte (A.S. *beorhte*), 503 f; *bryght[e]*, 1015 f (*both*: *syght n.*).

dere (A.S. *dēore*, W.S. *diere*, *dȳre*), 1752.

faire (A.S. *fæg(e)re*, 1539 f (: *contraire n.*); *fayre*, 1630 f (: *contrarie n.*); *fair* (+ *vowel*), 1050.

faste (A.S. *fæste*), 497, 1675 f (: *atte laste*), 1865 f (: *blaste inf.*); *fast[e]*, 1204, 1314, 1569, 1583, 1591, 1592, 1919, 1990, 2151 f (: *kast 3 pl. pt. ind.*); *faste hit*, 2006; *fast* (+ *vowel*), 1728, 2146.

hye (A.S. *hēa(h)*, *hēage*), 497 f (: *ye n.*), 973 f (: *philosophye n.*), 1599 f (: *skye n.*); *high[e]*, 531, 921; *high* (+ *vowel*), 547, 914.

kouthe (A.S. *cūðe*), 757 f (: *mouthe n.*).

late (A.S. *late*), 2139.

longe (A.S. *longe*, *lange*), 1300, 1506; *longe*, 554, 678;
longe, 1454; But hit were alle to longe to rede The names

. . . 1354-5.

low[e] (O.N. *lāg-r*, *adj.*), 1121 f (: *know inf.*).

lowde (A.S. *hlūde*), 2096 f (: *crowde inf.*); *lowde*, 810, 1681.

nede (A.S. *nȳde*, *nēde*, *nēde*), 724 f (: *drede n.*), 786;
 cf. *nedes*, § 91.

rathe (A.S. *hraðe*), 2139 f (: *lathe n.*).

sharpe (A.S. *scearpe*), 774 f, 1202 f (*both* : *harpe n.*).

softe (A.S. *sōfte*), 1725 f (: *on lofte*).

sore (A.S. *sāre*), 338, 1590 f (: *rore inf.*).

stille (A.S. *stille*), 324.

streghte (A.S. *streht*, *pp.*), 1992; *but* streght to, 2111.

swifte (A.S. *swifte*), 1643.

swithe (A.S. *swiðe*), 538, 1859 f (: *blithe pred. adj. sg.*).

thikke (A.S. *picce*), 1345 f (: *wikke post. adj. sg.*); *thik* of,
 1350.

unnethe (A.S. *unēaðe*), 2041; cf. *unnethes*, § 91.

wide (A.S. *wīde*), 1488 f (: *ovide pr. n.*); 1952 f (: *tyde n.*);
wide, 1139.

yerne (A.S. *georne*), 910 f (: *discerne inf.*).

To these may be added the Romance words *clere*, *pryvee*
 and *queynte*.

clere (O.F. *cler*), 1125 f (: *matere n.*), 1722 f (: *here inf.*).

pryvee (O.F. *prive*), 810.

queynte (O.F. *cointe*), 245 f (: *peynte inf.*).

Note. — For *mawgree* (O.F. *malgré*, *maugré*), *prep.*, cf. 461.

§ 83. Exceptions to § 82.

ryght (A.S. *rihte*), 113, 132, 358, 394, 417, 477, 561, 714, 729,
 742, 780, 793, 809, 816, 874, 994, 1073, 1075 f (: *wight n.*),
 1157; *ryghte*, 1524, 1528, 1729, 1792; *ryghte*, 1547, 1664.

— *aryght* (A.S. *on riht*) has of course no *-e*: cf. 50 f, 79 f,
 527 f, 2024 f (*all* : *myght n.*), 1829 f (: *wyght n.*).

lyke (A.S. *gelice*), 873; *lyke*, 1508.

Cf. also under *longe*, § 82; and observe *streghte* in the
 same section.

Note 1. — For *fayn* as adv., see § 85, n. 1. For *adoun*, *doun*, etc.,
 see § 88, n. 1.

Note 2. — *Yis* (A.S. *gise*, *gese*) has lost its *-e*: cf. 706, 706 f, 864 f
both : this *pro.*, 1000, etc.

§ 84. Adverbs in *-ly*, *-lyche*, *-liche*, *lich* (A.S. *-lice*, *-lice*, O.N. *-liga*).

The evidence of the *Hous of Fame* MSS. does not bear out

ten Brink's theory (§ 270) that Chaucer was inclined to use *-lich* or *liche* before a vowel or *h*. There are all told but four verses in which these forms occur before vowels, as follows : *fffullyche* (B *fullich*, P *fulleche*, C *fullych*, T *fullyche*), 428 ; *queynt[e]lich* (B *queintilich*, C T *queyntly*), 1943 ; *wonderlych* (B *wondyrly*, P C T *wonderly*), 1173 ; *wonderlych* (B *wonderlich*, C T *wonderly*), 1922. On the other hand *-ly* occurs 12 times before vowels and 3 times before *h* ; they are indicated in the following list by Gothic figures. In two verses an additional syllable is required before a consonant ; in these *-liche* is manifestly the proper form : *Enbrowdede wonderliche riche* (*so* P ; rest *wonderly*), 1327 ; *Hir tho so wondirlich[e] streght* (*so* B ; rest *wonderly*), 1373. In the latter verse P C T omit *tho* and show *silf*, *self*, *selfe* ; but the line as given is pretty certainly correct.

besëly, 16 ; *boldëly*, 581 f ; *càsüelly* (3 *sył.*), 679 f ; *certeynly*, 128, 1890, 1901 ; *certainly*, 14 f, 994 ; *craftëly*, 1203 f ; *cruelly* (*l. trewëly*), 1661 f ; *debðnairly*, 2013 f ; *derkly*, 51 f ; *dispitously*, 161 ; *dìuversly*, 1900 ; *dyuèrsly*, 1546 ; *ententyfly*, 616 f ; *esëly*, 1675, 1929 f ; *eternally*, 1403 f ; *falslÿ*, 389 f ; *fàlsly*, 392 ; *feythfully*, 853 f, 963 ; *fully*, 290, 658 ; *fynally*, 2009 ; *gladlÿ*, 605, 1861 ; *glàdly*, 1242, 1677 ; *goodëly*, 565, 1870 ; *hardëly*, 359 f ; *hydously*, 1599 ; *inly*, 31 ; *kenëly*, 1725 ; *lewdëly*, *866 ; *lyghtly*, 546 ; *oðnly*, 57, 1743 ; *oonlÿ*, 277, 647 ; *oppenly*, 2046 f ; *outterly*, 1541 f ; *outtirly*, 2014 f ; *perpëtually* (4 *sył.*), 1364 ; *prevëly*, 223, 360 f ; *preuëly*, 2045 f ; *purely*, 39 ; *redëly*, 130 f, 313 f, 1127 f, 1392 f, 2137 f ; *ryghtë fully*, 1662 f ; *savëly*, 291 ; *sikerly*, 1930 f ; *shortly*, 239, 242, 257 ; *sothëly*, 364 ; *stedfastly*, 61 f ; *sturmëly*, 1498 f ; *symply*, 854 f ; *trew[ë]ly*, 615 f, 1319 f, 1542 f ; *tru[ë]ly*, 1045 f ; *vnkyndëly*, 295 f ; *vtterly*, 296 f ; *verrayly*, 1729 ; *wikkidly*, 390 f ; *wisly*, 1860.

Rhyme words. — I(y) (14, 51, 61, 130, 313, 581, 1045, 1127, 1319, 1392, 1403, 2137), by *adv.* (1203, 1498), why *adv.* (679), adverbs in *-ly* (the rest).

§ 85. The following adverbs which have *-e* neither in Anglo-Saxon nor in *H.F.* deserve notice :

amys (see Mätzner, p. 74), 269 f, 2079 f (*both* : is 3 *sg. pr. ind.*), 596 f (: this *pro.*), 2016 f (: *blys n.*). — *anoon* (A.S. on *ān*), 132, 339, 793, 813, 894, 69 f, 655 f, 790 f (*all* : *stoon n.*), 366 f (: *agoon pp.*), 952 f (: *gon inf.*), etc. — *ful*, (A.S. *ful*), 102, 139, 147, 214, 295, 327, 414, 581, etc. — *home* (A.S. *hām*), see § 18. — *nygh* (A.S. *nēah*, *nēh*),

prep., 1047. — *streghte* (A.S. *streht*, *pp.*), see § 82. — *wis* (*neut. adj.* used as *adv.*, cf. *y-wys*), Also *wis* god helpe me, 576; *Nay wis* quod she, 1819; Also *wis* god rede me, 1067. — *y-nogh* (A.S. *genōg*, *genōh*), 1032 f (: *swogh n.*). — *y-wys*, *I-wys* (A.S. *gewis*, *adj. neut.*), 326, 982, 809 f, 827 f, 836 f, 882 f, 1291 f, 1445 f, 1638 f, 1838 f (*all* : *is* (*ys*) 3 *sg. pr. ind.*), 1470 f (*Columpnis pr. n.*), 1514 f, 1565 f (*both* : *this pro.*), 1843 f (: *ysidis pr. n.*).

The following Romance words are used adverbially without final *-e* :

apert(e) (O.F. *apert*), 717 f (: *overt adj. post. sing.*). Is *-e* sounded here? — *cèrteyn* (O.F. *certein*, *certain*), 614, 724, 1336, 1380, 1691, 1698, 1881, 2002; *cèrteyne*, 336; *certèyn*, 929 f (: *Citezeyn n.*); *certàyn(e)*, 159 f (: *y-slayne pp.*).

The following adjective formations in *-les* (A.S. *-lēas*) are used adverbially :

causēles, — That thou hast had loo *causēles*, 668 f (: *rechcheles adj.*); *gilt[ē]les*, — Shul thus be shamed *gilt[ē]les* (*adj. ?*), 1634 f (: *pres n.*); thus was her shame *y-ronge* And *gilt[ē]les* on euery tonge, 1655-6.

Note 1. — The adjective *fayn* (A.S. *fæg(e)n*) is used with *wolde* with the force of an adverb, — I *wolde fayn* han hadde a fame, 1848.

Note 2. — For *wonder* used adverbially, cf. *wonder sone*, 114; *wonder low*, 1121; *wonder hye*, 1465; *wonder wide*, 1488; *wonder fewe*, 1691. — The adjective *famous* is similarly used in *famous good*, 1780.

Note 3. — For *half* used adverbially (cf. A.S. *healfe*, *instr.* with *compar.*), cf. *half so high*, 914.

Note 4. — The following adverbs, etc., of various formation, are for convenience put together here :

ay (O.N. *ei*, cf. A.S. *ā*, *āwa*), 74, 467, 820, 962, etc. — *eft* (A.S. *eft*), 1072, 2038 f (: *left pp.*); *eftē*, 401. — *est* (A.S. *ēast*), see *west*. — *fer* (A.S. *feor(r)*), as *fer as*, 483; *ful ofte fer*, 610 f (: *Iupiter*). — *forth* (A.S. *forð*), 795; *forthē*, 1018, 1090, 1916; *forthē*, 365; as *ferforth as*, 328; as *fer forthē as*, 1882. — *nay* (O.N. *nei*), 913, 994, 1043, 1819, 2097. — *noo* (A.S. *nā*, *nō*), 700, 701. — *northe* (A.S. *norð*), see *west*. — *south(e)* (A.S. *sūð*), see *west*. — *tho* (A.S. *þā*), 149, 451, etc.; *thoo*, 235 f (: *goo inf.*), 319 f (: *doo inf.*), 433, 496, 571, etc. — *wel* (A.S. *wel*), 129, 327, 334, etc.; *wel(e)*, 66 f (: *euerydele*); *welē*, 91; *well(e)*, 1650 f (: *tuelle n.*); as *wel as*, 1442, 1739. — *west* (A.S. *west*), And *blew it est and west and south(e)* (: *mouthe n.*) And *northe*, 1680-1; *north and south(e)*, 2075 f (: *mouthe*

n.). — yet (A.S. giet, gyt; *also* gieta), 386, 421, 471, 580, etc.; yitt(e), 619 f, 1378 f (*both*: witte *n.*).

§ 86. Comparison of Adverbs (Child, § 70; ten Brink, § 246, and Anm.). Comparative degree.

Of the "old" adverbial comparatives, A.S. *æþ*, *bet*, *læs*, *mā* survive in *H.F.* Other adverbial comparatives are adjective forms. (I.) *ferre*, *lesse*, *more*; (II.) A.S. comparatives in *-or* and their analogues.

bet (A.S. *bet*), 13, 559, 1232, 2138.

les (A.S. *læs*), *preserved in* *nathæles* (A.S. *nā þy læs*), 1181, 1734, 2073 f (: *encres n.*).

mo (A.S. *mā*), *euer mo*, 634, 1403, 1924; *euermo*, 2074; *euer moo*, 801 f (: *y-goo pp.*), 2077 f (: *goo inf.*); *neuer mo*, 1926.

I. *ferre* (A.S. *fierre*, *fyre*, *neut. comp.*), 600 f (: *sterre n.*).

lesse (A.S. *læsse*, *neut. comp.*), *neuer the lesse*, 620.

more (A.S. *māre*, *neut. comp.*), *20, 245, 1125, 1754; *more and more*, 532 f, 962 f (*both*: *sore inf.*); *more and more*, 818.

II. *ferther* (A.S. *furðor*), 1112, 1651.

hier (A.S. *heah(h)or*), *perhaps adj.*, 1117.

lenger (A.S. *leng*), 1912.

lyghter (A.S. *lēohtor*), 1289.

upper (A.S. *up(p)or*), 884, 961.

Note. — For *after*, *aftir* (adv. and prep.), cf. 157, 256, 1040, etc.; for *hider*, *hyder*, cf. 1872, 1891, 1908; for *thider*, *thidder*, cf. 724, 837, 1906; for *whider*, cf. 602; for *yonder*, cf. 936, 1064, 1070 f (: *wonder n.*); *yonde*, 889; for *under* (adv. and prep.), cf. 805 f (: *wounder n.*), 964, 1919; for *er*, *or* (A.S. *ær*), cf. 380, 437, 456, 1055, etc.; for *or . . . or*, cf. 819; for *eyther . . . or*, cf. 4, 833; for *other . . . or*, cf. 1888; for *neyther . . . ne*, cf. 18, 588; for *whether . . . or*, cf. 778; for *wher* (= *whether*) . . . *or*, cf. 586, 981.

§ 87. No superlative adverb takes *-e* in *H.F.* (but see note below). There are no examples of *best* or *most* preceded by *the*.

best, 624, 732, 1878; *most*, 847; *almost* (A.S. *ealmæst*, *ælmæst*), 1143; *almoste*, 650; *first*, 151, 606, 811, 850, 1340, 1898; *alderfirste*, 1429; *alther first*, 1368; *erst*, 1496, 2075; *alther fastest*, 2131; *next*, *adv.* and *prep.*, 162, 174, 1486.

Note. — For *now at erstē* (512) we should probably read *at the firstē*; cf. *P at þe first*, *C at the fyrst*.

§ 88. The following particles, of various formation, appear sometimes or always with an *-e* (cf. Child, § 72).

In this list are thrown together, for convenience : (i.) particles in A.S. *-an, -on, — aboute, above, befor(n)e, before, behynde, bytweene, sithe* (etc.), *withyn, withouten, -e*; cf. *besyde*; (ii.) particle in A.S. *-a, — sone*; (iii.) *inne, oute, thanne, whan*; (iv.) *blyve, bothe*; (v.) *therfore, wherefore*.

Note. — It will be observed from the following examples that in some of these words *-e* is not written; that in others it is not pronounced when written; but all of them show *-e* somewhere in Chaucer

aboute (A.S. *ymbūtan, onbūtan*), *adv.* and *prep.*, 481, 597 f, 811 f, 1196 f, 1824 f, 1868, 2006 f, 2120 f; *about[e]*, 1807 f, 1925; *aboute*, 799, 1397, 1526; *about* (+ *vowel*), 1702.

Rhyme words. — *doute n.* (597, 811, 2006), *route n.* (1824, 2120), with *oute adv.* (1196), *shout inf.* (1807).

above (A.S. *onbufan*), *adv.* and *prep.*, 1758 f (*love n.*), *above*, 805, 1360.

blyve (A.S. *bi life*), 1106 f (: *descryve inf.*), 1521 f (: *hive n.*). *bothe . . .* and (O.N. *bāðir, pro.*, cf. A.S. *bā, bā-twā*), — *Bothe armes* and the name, 1411; *Both[e]* *castel* and the *tour*, 1185; *Til both[e]* the *eyre* and *erthe brende*, 954; *Bothe* of *feire speche* and *chidynges*, 1028; *And with this worde both he and y*, 1046; *Both of wepinge and of game*, 1199; *but Both sothe sawes and leysinges*, 676.

These seem the more likely readings for the several verses cited, though some of them may have other renderings, as will be seen. In 1185 B C T show *Bothe*, P inserts *the*; in 954 P C T omit *the*, C T writing *Bothe*.

beforn(e) (A.S. *beforan*), *me befor(n)e*, 60 f (: *borne pp.*).

before, 839, 1468.

behynde (A.S. *behindan*), *adv.* and *prep.*, 238 f (: *fynde inf.*), 1214 f (: *kynde n.*), 2150; *behynde*, 977. In 2150 F B have *behynde* by reading *begunne* for *gunne*.

besyde (A.S. *be sīdan*), *prep.*, 73, 440, 2105.

bytweene (A.S. *betwēonan*), *prep.*, 2028 (F B P *lack the line*).

in (A.S. *inne*), *prep.*, 30, 70, 80, 85, 86, 121, and *passim*.

therinne (A.S. *þær-inne*), 2003 f (: *gynne inf.*).

oute (A.S. *ūte, ūt, ūt of*), 476, 480; *oute of*, 204, 1917; *out of*, 598, 812, 1456; *ther out come*, 1927.

son (A.S. *sōna*), 114 f, 1532 f, 1538 f, 1773 f, 2116 f; *son*, 288. — *efte-sones*, 359.

Rhyme words. — *done ger. inf.* (1114), *mone luna* (1532, 2116), *bone n.* (1538, 1773).

syth, sith, sithe, syn (A.S. *siðþām, siððan*). I. In causal sense : *syth*, 218, 1855; *syth that*, 2016; *sithe that*, 2007;

syn that, 835. II. Temporal : syth, 100, 1340 ; sith that 59, 1898.
 thanne, than, then (A.S. þonne), temporal and illative : thanne, 368 f (: Anne) ; than (then), *before vowels and consonants*, 482, 848, 985, 1019, 1228, 1907, 2050, etc.
 than = *quam* (A.S. þonne, þon), *before vowels and consonants*, 20, 977, 1289, 1290, 1371, 1638, etc.
 whan, when (A.S. hwonne), *before vowels and consonants*, 112, 266, 364, 372, 393, 468, 480, 673, 774, 777, 976, 1036, 1041, 1110, 1285, etc. ; when that, 232.
 therefore, therfor (A.S. þære + fore) : ther-fore, 276 ; therefore, 661 ; therefore, 289, 990, 1355, 2001 ; therfor (+ *cons.*), 1443.
 — wherfore, 268 ; where fore, 1835 ; wherfore, 629, 641 ; wherfor (+ *cons.*), 1846.
 withyn (A.S. wið-innan), *prep.* : *before vowels*, 120, 415 ; *before h*, 542.
 withouten, with-uten, wythouten (A.S. wið-ūtan), 484, 830, 855, 1187, 1448, 1464, 1764, 1913.
 withoute, 292, 690 ; with oute, 1195 f (: aboute *adv.*).

Note 1. — The *-e* which is twice written in *doun*, *adoun* (A.S. of-dūne, adūne ; adūnweard) is unsounded : *doun*, 741 f (: sovne *n.*), 947 f (: Scorpion *pr. n.*), 1026 f (: soun *n.*) ; *dovne*, 164 ; *adon*, 896 ; *adoun*, 2033 f (: congregacioun *n.*) ; *adovn(e)*, 888 f (: tovn *n.*).

§ 89. To the list in § 88 may be appended : I. *away*[e], *betwexen*, *eke*, *ofte* ; II. *here*, *there*, *where*, and their varieties, — particles in which the form of the termination has been influenced by various analogies (cf. Child, § 72, *b*).

a-vey[e] (A.S. onweg, āweg), Yif hyt a-vey[e] be ther froo, 838 ; but *-e* is nowhere written. — *away*, 317 f (: wele-away), 736, 1149, 1150 ; *a-way*, 418 ; *away*, 1145.

betwexen (A.S. betwix, betweox, betwuxt), 715 ; *betwex hem*, 1476.

eke (A.S. ēac, cf. tō ēacan), 624 f (: seke 3 *pl. pr. ind.*) ; 1401 f (: meke *pred. adj. pl.*) ; and except that it seems so well agreed on that *eke* is never dissyllabic within the verse, one would be inclined to sound *-e* in this line : And eke ther with sothe to telle, 1804. Cf. also : And eke moo holdynge in hondes, 692. In the latter verse, however, Willert is almost certainly correct in writing *holdynges in honde*. — *eke*, 179, 212, 249, 444, 570, 846, 919, 1015, etc. ; *eke*, 193, 194, 343, 445, 752, 986, etc. ; *ek(e)*, 1707 f (: leke *n.*).

ofte (A.S. oft), 610 ; *ofte*, 632 ; *ofte*, 385 ; *oft + vowel*), 1287.

here (A.S. *hēr*), 980 f (: were *n.*), 1014 f (: matere *n.*), 1912 f (: here *inf.*); here, 324, 1015, 1883; her(e), 1444 f (: pilere *n.*); her (+ *cons.*), 1023; her (+ *vowel*), 1061; her on 1135; here with alle, 567. In one case it seems likely that we have *herē* within the verse: Be god I wolde hyt here write, 382.

there (A.S. *pær*, *pēr*), 1250 f (: were 3 *pl. pt. ind.*); there, 74, 1251; ther, 193, 198, 209, 212, 219, 237, 253, 308, 443, etc.; ther as, 113, 844; ther aboute, 597; ther-fore, 276; therfore, 289, 990, 1355, 2001; ther fro, 736 f, 838 f, 895 f; therof, 101, 1043, 1473; theron, 1998; ther out, 1927; ther to (too), 371 f, 718, 998 f, 1650; therwith, 582, 1804; ther with alle, 2031; ther (= *where*), 731, 2143, etc.

where (A.S. *hwær*, *hwēr*), 233 f (: were 3 *pl. pt. ind.*); where 711, 2025; where, 475, 479, 1584; where that, 1902; wher that, 129, 890, 1010; wherfore, 268; wherfore, 629, 641; wherfor, 1846; owghwhere, 478; nowhere, 1602.

Note. — The rhyme-words for *here* are different from those of *there* and *where*.

§ 90. *Ever* (A.S. *æfre*) is in *H.F.* uniformly dissyllabic before consonants. It does not occur before vowels, but in the two instances before weak *h* it is monosyllabic. The invariable spelling is *euer*.

I. Before *consonants*: 619, 634, 698, 1147, 1403, 1806, 1897, 1924, 2130.

II. Before *he*, *hit*: On alle that euer he myght[e] swere, 422; Than euer hit was and went anoon, 2083; *but* Allas that euēr had[de] routhe, 332.

Never (A.S. *næfre*) before consonants is with two exceptions dissyllabic; in the single example before a vowel it is monosyllabic. The spelling is uniformly *neuer*.

I. Before *consonants*: 15, 59, 327, 471, 534, 566, 628, *984, 1296, 1366, 1380, 1740, 1926, 1956, 2004, 2037, 2100, 2148. Cf. also, — That neuēr herd I thing so hye, 1020. This is the only instance before *h*. — In the two following verses *neuer* is monosyllabic: And neuer the lesse hast set thy witte, 620; And bere hit neuer so hye on hight, 740.

II. Before *vowel*: In speche and neuer a dele of trouthe, 331. For *euer* and *neuer* in rhyme, see the following verses:

Of olde (*l. golde*) werke than I sawgh euer
ffor certeynly I nyste neuer, 127-8;
Eke though I myght[e] dure euer
That I haue do rekeuer I neuer, 353-4.

Note. — Two verses in which *neuer* seems monosyllabic before a consonant are easily emended by comparison of MSS.: Hyt was nyste I neuer redely, 1127; Deserue why ne neuer ye roughthe, 1781. In the first of these P C T properly omit *neuer*; and in the latter the same authorities lack *ye*.

§ 91. Particles ending in *-es*, *-s* (Child, § 73). This is sometimes an A.S. *-es*, sometimes a formation by analogy.

Here also are included particles which do not in *H.F.* show a form in *-es*, but do have it elsewhere in Chaucer.

(i.) *ageyn(e)* (etc.), *amyddys* (etc.), *elles*, *nedes*, *towardes*, *vnnethes*; (ii.) *hennes*, *thens*; (iii.) *ones* (*nones*), *twyes*; (iv.) *alday*, *alwey*, *eny weyes*, *other weyes*, *amonges* (*amonge*), *end[e] long(e)*, *to-geder*; (v.) *algate*, *certes*.

ageyn(e) (A.S. *ongægnes*, *ongægn*), *adv.*, 564 f (: *seyne inf.*); *a-yene*, 544; *ayen*, *prep.*, 1035, 1523.

alday (A.S. *ealne dæg*, *adverbial acc.*), 737; *al day*, 386.

algate (cf. O.N. *alla götu*, *adverbial acc.*), 943.

alwey (A.S. *ealne weg*, *adverbial acc.*), 76, 466, 744; *alway*, 961.

amonges (A.S. *ongemang*, *onmang*), 1633.

amyddys (cf. A.S. *on middan*), 845; *in middes of*, 714; *in mid the way*, 923.

certes (O.F. *certes*), 1684, 1693, 1697; *certys*, 1986, 2038.

elles (A.S. *elles*), 60, 234, 304, 646, 763, 908, 1039, 1741, 1940, 2046; *ellis*, 23, 27, 33, 425 f (: *tellis 3 sg. pr. ind.*).

In one case *elles* seems to be a monosyllable: *Elles I wold[e] the haue tolde*, 996; in the only other example before a vowel (623) it is dissyllabic.

end[e] long(e) (A.S. *andlang*), 1458 f (: *stronge post. adj. sg.*).

hennes (A.S. *heonon*, L. W. S. *heonone*), 1284; *hennes-forthe*, 782.

nedes (A.S. *nēdes*, *nīedes*), 1635. For *nede*, cf. § 82.

nones, see *ones*, below.

ones (A.S. *ænes*, *Chron.* 1120; *ānes*, *Chron.* 1131), 940, 1742; *attones*, 863; *at ones*, 2088 f (: *for the nones*), 2105. — *for the nones*, 2087 f (: *at ones*); *wyth the nones*, 2099.

thens (A.S. *þanon*), 1038.

to-geder (A.S. *æt-gædre*, *tō-gædre*), 2109.

towardes (A.S. *tōweard*), 196. Cf. *doūnwardē*, *746; *nørthē-wardē*, 1152; *thiderwardē*, 2144; *vpwardē*, 744; *vpwardē*, 825; *vpward*, 925.

twyes (A.S. *twīwa*, *twiges*, *Chron.* 1120), 573.

vnnethes (A.S. *unēaðe*), 900, 1140. Cf. *vnnethe*, § 82.

weyes, — *Shal I noon other weyes dye*, 585; *Yf I koude eny weyes know*, 1122.

VERBS.

§ 92. Present Indicative¹. — The First Person Singular of the Present Indicative ends regularly in *-e* (Child, § 48 ; ten Brink, § 184).

I. In rhyme :

duelle, 2001 f (: telle *1 sg. pr. ind.*) ; fynde, 750 f (: kynde *n.*) ; hote, 1719 f (: note *n.*) ; here, 1058 f (: lere *inf.*) ; pace, 1355 f (: place *n.*) ; preve, 826 f (: meve *inf.*) ; rede, 77 f (: spede *inf.*) , 1493 f (: brede *n.*) , 1935 f (: rede *adj. post. pl.*) ; seye, 673 f (: leye *inf.*) ; stonde, 1878 f (: honde *n.*) ; telle, 844 f (: duelle *inf.*) , 2002 f (: duelle *1 sg. pr. ind.*) ; thinke, 15 f (: swinke *inf.*) ; trowe, 1335 f (: I-knowe *inf.*) ; varye, 808 f (: contrarye *n.*)

II. Before consonants.

gynne, 1455 ; graunte, 1665, 1763 ; graunte yow, 1700 ; stonde here (*hic*), 1885 ; trowe, 61, 1930.

III. This *-e* is regularly elided before a vowel :

a-legge, 314 ; leve, 1012 ; mene, 1895 ; pray I, 97 ; prey I, 78 ; pray alway, 466 ; sey I, 286, 742 ; stynte, 1417.

IV. Elision before *h* :

graunte hyt, 1838 ; preve hyt, 787.

Note 1. — There is no certain case of apocope of *-e*. The most likely example is : But thus I sey yow trewly, 1542. The verse as it stands lacks a syllable, which may be had by writing either *sey[e]* or *trew[e]ly* ; the latter is perhaps better. One other verse is easily emended by comparison of MSS. : I werne yow hit quod she anon, 1559. Here PC omit *hit*, T shifting the position of *hit* and *yow*.

Note 2. — For the monosyllabic *see* (*se*), cf. *see* I, 334 ; *see*, 1107 f (: tree *n.*) ; *se*, 1910 f (: me *pro.*).

§ 93. The Second Person Singular of the Present Indicative ends in *-est* (*-ist*), *-st* (*-est*) (Child, § 49 ; ten Brink, §§ 184, 186, 259).

I. *-est* (*-ist*) :

demest, 596 ; desirest, 1911 ; devisest, 637 f (: dispisest) ; dispisest, 638 f (: devisest) ; enditest, 634 f (: writest) ;

¹ It is hardly safe to claim absolute accuracy for the following sections in which a distinction between indicative and subjunctive is aimed at ; the errors, however, can certainly not be numerous enough to affect the general results.

fairest, 887 ; herist, 651 ; knowest, 890 ; lyvest, 659 ; peynest, 627 ; redest, 1001 ; sittest, 657 ; suffrest, 2013 ; werest, 1840 ; writest, 633 f (: enditest).

II. *-st -est*

seyst (*vides*), 911 ; seyst (*dicis*), 1839 ; herestow, 1031, 1862.

Note. — The ending *-es* occurs once: That thou now hider bringes, 1908 f (: tydynges).

§ 94. The Third Person Singular of the Present Indicative ends usually in *-eth (-ith)*, *-th (-eth)* (Child, § 50 ; ten Brink, §§ 184, 186).

I. *-eth (-ith)* :

beloweth, 1803 ; causeth, 3, 815 ; considereth, 642 ; countrefeteth, 1213 ; duelleth, 70, 711 f (: tellith) ; falleth, 741 ; fareth, 271 f (: glareth) ; folweth, 5 ; glareth, 272 f (: fareth) ; knoweth, 13, 290 ; longeth, 244, 1200 ; maketh, 1065, 1175 ; moveth, 735, 811, 837, 851 ; moueth, 841 ; rumbleth, 1026 ; seketh, 756 ; seweth, 840 ; sheweth, 830 ; slepeth, 74 ; stereth, 817 f (: vpbereth) ; sufficeth, 1762, 1876 ; telleth, 406 ; tellith, 712 f (: duelleth) ; vpbereth, 818 f (: stereth) ; vseth, 562 ; warneth, 46 ; wexeth, 1076 ; whirleth, 2006 ; willeth, 447.

II. *-th, -eth*.

(a) Verbs ending in a vowel :

astonyeth (*slur*), 1174 ; seyth, 307, 429, 807. These are the only verbs with vowel-ending in the third person.

(b) Verbs ending in a consonant :

avayleth, 363 ; breketh, 780 ; cometh, 71, 648, 721, 773, 882, 1061, 1071 ; speketh, 1244 ; thenketh (*videtur*), 871. But s[p]eketh, 931 ; thinketh (*videtur*), 684 ; to-breketh, 779 f (: men speketh).

Note. — There is a single example of *-is*. In certeyne [as] the booke [vs] tellis, 426 f (: ellis) ; *as* and *vs* supplied from PCT.

§ 95. The following examples of the Third Person Singular in *-t* from verbs in *-t*, *-d* occur in *H.F.* (Child, § 51 ; ten Brink, § 186) :

grynt, 1798 ; halt, 630 ; list, 1577 ; lyst, 640, 844, 1564, 1821, 1982 ; lest(e), 1665 f (: wiste *pp.*) ; stant, 713, 719, 1117 ; stert, 681 ; writ, 973, 1385. — But nedeth, 575, 1072, 1299.

§ 96. The Plural of the Present Indicative ends regularly in *-en* or *-e* ; but forms in *-eth* occur (cf. Child, § 52 ; ten Brink, § 186). Before consonants *-en* is commoner than *-e* ; the reverse is true in rhyme.

- I. *-en* before consonants : (a) *First Person*, besechen, 1554 ; (b) *Second Person*, knowen ye, 1257 ; ye (*tu*) knowen (knòwen ?), 327 ; (c) *Third Person*, callen, 609 ; crien, 1322 ; kepen, 1226 ; maken, 1239 ; semen, 1402 ; shynen, 1376 ; tellen, 1198 ; wilnen, 1312.
- II. *-en* in rhyme : *Third Person*, dreden, 38 f (: leden *3 pl. pr. ind.*) ; duellen, 1060 f (: tellen *inf.*) ; leden, 37 f (: dreden *3 pl. pr. ind.*).
- III. *-en* before vowels : *Third Person*, hopen, 38 ; maken, 1939.
- IV. *en* before *h* : (a) *First Person*, kepen haue, 1695 ; (b) *Third Person*, kallen hyt, 939 ; shynen here (*hic*), 1015.
- V. *-en, -n* : *Third Person*, clepen a, 1326 ; reden in, 1352 ; seyn, 1147 ; sayn(e), 23 f (: brayne *n.*). But *seyn* is the only genuine case of syncope ; both *clepen* and *reden* show variants in elided *-e*.
- VI. *-e* before consonants : (a) *Second Person*, wene ye, 1714 ; (b) *Third Person*, calle founder, 535.
- VII. *-ē* before vowel : *Third Person*, That duellē almoste at thy dors, 650. [Var. B dwell, P dwelleth, C T dwellen].
- VIII. *-e* in rhyme : (a) *Second Person*, duelle, 521 f (: welle *n.*) ; (b) *Third Person*, fynde, 44 f (: kynde *n.*) ; rede, 590 f (: Ganymede) ; seke, 626 f (: eke) ; smyte 777 f (: lyte *adv.*) ; stonde, 1010 f (: honde *n.*) ; thwite, 1938 f (: white *pred. adj. pl.*).
- IX. *-e* elided before vowels : (a) *Second Person*, gete, 1560 ; (b) *Third Person*, duelle, 1531 ; falle, 1192 ; seke, 744 ; trete, 54 ; vse, 1263 ; write, 1013.

Note. — The verb *pray* shows no ending, but *-e* or *-en* is to be supplied : That natheles yet prey[e] we, 1734 ; Where fore we pray[en] yow a rowe, 1835. In the first verse P shows *preyen*, and in the second reads *on a rowe*.

§ 97. The following examples of the Plural of the Present Indicative in *-eth* occur :

causeth, 35, 40 ; men clepeth, 73 ; seyth the peple, 360 ; men speketh, 780 f (: to-breketh *3 sg. pr. ind.*). But *causeth* occurs in a confused passage and may be intended as singular.

§ 98. The Plural in *-es* does not occur in *H.F.*

§ 99. The following Indicative Preterites (first and third persons) of Anglo-Saxon verbs of the First Weak Conjugation occur in *H.F.* (cf. Child, § 53 ; ten Brink, §§ 162, 165, 168–170.

(a) Stems originally short, — *leyde*, *sette*, *shette*; (b) stems originally long, — *agylte*, *bilt*, *demed*, *dreynt*[e], *felte*, *ferde*, *hente*, *herde*, *lefte*, *mette* (A.S. *mætte*), *mette* (A.S. *mētte*), *reight*[e], *semed*, *stent*[e], *wente*, *werned*; (c) irregular verbs, — *broghte*, *duelled*, *soughte*, *streight*[e], *thoughte* (A.S. *pōhte*), *thoughte* (A.S. *pūhte*), *tolde*.

Of these *demed*, *semed*, *werned* are unsyncopated preterites formed on the analogy of the Second Weak Conjugation, and replacing the proper Anglo-Saxon forms *dēmdē*, *sēmdē*, *wyrnde*. *Duelled* corresponds to A.S. *dwelede* (-ode), inf. *dwelian* (Sievers, § 407, Anm 1).

In *bilt*, *felte*, *lefte*, *wente*, A.S. -de is replaced by -te (cf. ten Brink, § 170 e, ζ). *Brennen* (O.N. *brenna*, A.S. *bærnan*) has only *brende*; see § 100 (cf. ten Brink, § 179, ζ).

Syncopated preterites, after the analogy of the first weak conjugation, are shown by several verbs strong in Anglo-Saxon: *brayde*, *fled*, *highte*, *lost* (also *les*), *slept* (also *slep(e)*); see § 103. So also *dyede* (O.N. *deyja*, pret. *dō*). For *smelde*, see § 100.

Several preterites of weak verbs belonging properly to the second conjugation show syncopated forms after the analogy of the first; see § 101.

agylte (A.S. *āgyltan*, *āgylte*), *agylte yow*, 329.

bilt (A.S. *byldan*, *bylde*), *bilt* || *god*, 1135.

broghte (A.S. *bringan*, *brōhte*), 2029 f (: *me thoughte*).

demed (A.S. *dēman*, *dēmdē*), 263 f (: *semed* 3 sg. pt. ind.).

dreynt[e] (A.S. *drencan*, *drencte*), 923 f (: *compleynt n.*).

duelled (A.S. *dwelian*, *dwelede*, *dwelode*, Sievers, § 407, Anm. 1), *duelled er nowē*, 1902.

felte (A.S. *fēlan*, *fēlde*), *felte eke*, 570; *felt that*, 569.

ferde (A.S. *fēran*, *fērde*), 1932 f (: *herde* 1 sg. pt. ind.); *ferd as*, 1522.

hente (A.S. *hentan*, *hente*), 543 f (: *went* 3 sg. pt. ind.); *hentē me*, 2028. C T alone show the latter verse, and T omits -e. We should possibly read *hēntē*.

herde (A.S. *hieran*, *hīerde*), *herde there*, 2057: *herde*, 1062, *2053, 2141; *herd* (+ *vowel*), 1020, 1201, 1243, 1245, 1313, 1397, 1404.

lefte (A.S. *lāfan*, *lāfde*), *left*[e] *not*, 1600; *lefte hir*, 295, 416; *left hir*, 403.

leyde (A.S. *leggan*, *legde*, *lēde*), 260.

mette (A.S. *mætan*, *mætte*), 523 f (: *shette* 3 sg. pt. ind.); *mette*, 313, 517; *mette*, 61, 119, 560; *met or*, 110.

mette (A.S. *mētan*, *mētte*), 2069 f (: *lette* 3 sg. pt. subj.); *mette I*, 1308.

reight[e] (A.S. *ræcan*, *ræhte*), 1374 f (.: *streight* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*).

shette (A.S. *scyttan*, *scytte*), 524 f (.: *mette* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*).

semed (A.S. *ge-sēman*, *ge-sēmdē*), 264 f (.: *demed* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*); *before consonants*, 500, 1525, 2157.

sette (A.S. *settan*, *sette*), *sette me*, 1050; *set I*, 1858; *set in*, 2033; *set hyt*, 1679.

soughte (A.S. *sēcan*, *sōhte*), 185.

stent[e] (A.S. *for-styntan*, *ge-stentan*, *-*stynte*, *-*stente*), 221 f, 1926 f, 2031 f; *stynt[e]*, 1683 f.

Rhyme word. — *went pt. sg.*

streight[e] (A.S. *strecc(e)an*, *streahte*), 1373 f (.: *reight* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*).

thoughte (A.S. *þenc(e)an*, *þōhte*), 595; *thought I (y)*, 492, 584, 972, 985, 1631, 1852.

thoughte (A.S. *þync(e)an*, *þūhte*), 1183, 1870; *thought[e]*, 1369; *thoghte*, 2030 f (.: *broghte* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*); *thoughte hit*, 2031; *thought I*, 499.

tolde (A.S. *tellan*, *tealde*), 1380 f (.: *beholde inf.*), 1434 f (.: *olde adj. def. post.*); *tolde Dido*, 254; *tolde alle*, 2046; *tolde hym*, 2050; *told him*, 2071.

went[e] (A.S. *wendan*, *wende*), 222 f, 544 f, 1684 f, 1925 f, 2032 f, 2131 f; *wente anoon*, 1366; *went (+ vowel)*, 1307, 1807, 2076, 2083. In the only two examples before a consonant -*e* is lacking; we should probably read the verses thus: *Went this foule trumpes soun*, 1642; *That thurgh the worldē went[ē] the soun*, 1724.

Rhyme words. — *stent* 3 *sg. pt. ind.* (222, 1925, 2032), *stynt* 3 *sg. pt. ind.* (1684), *hente* 3 *sg. pt. ind.* (544), *entent n.* (2131).

werned (A.S. *wyrnan*, *wyrnde*; *probably influenced by wearnian*, *wearnode*), *werned wel and faire*, 1539.

§ 100. A few Indicative Preterites (first and third persons) of Old Norse verbs of the First weak Conjugation occur in *H.F.* To these add *smelde*, which is not found in Anglo-Saxon or Old Norse, but is probably of Germanic origin.

brende (O.N. *brenna*, *brenda*; cf. *ten Brink*, § 141). *intrans.*, 163 f, 537 f (*both* : *descende inf.*); *trans.*, *brende the*, 1844. *smelde*, 1685 f (.: *helde* 3 *pl. pt. subj.*).

stert[e] (O.N. *sterta*, *sterta*), 1800 f (.: *hert n.*).

§ 101. The following Indicative Preterites (first and third persons) of Anglo-Saxon verbs of the Second Weak Conjugation occur in *H.F.* (cf. *Child*, § 53; *ten Brink*, §§ 172-3) :

answered, called, gladded, louede, made, reft, roved, wondred.
 To these add *caste* (Old Norse second conjugation) and
romed, — Germanic in origin but not found in Anglo-Saxon.
answered (A.S. andswarian, andswarode), *answèred* noo, 1896 ;
answèred and, 864.
called (A.S. ceallian, ceallode, from O.N. kalla, kallaða),
called on, 367 ; *called* me 558.
caste (O.N. kasta, kastaða), 495 f (: at the laste) ; *cast*[e],
 956 f (: atte laste).
gladded (A.S. gladian, gladode), *gladded* me, 962.
louede (A.S. lufian, lufode), 176 ; *loued* (+ *vowel*), 288, 370.
made (A.S. macian, macode), 646 f, 1159 f, 1890 f ; *made*,
 240, 257 ; *made* hym, 404, 413 ; *made* hir, 414 ; *made* the,
 155 ; *made* welmore, 1290.

Rhyme words. — *glade* *adj. pl.* (646, 1890), *shade* *n.* (1159).

reft (A.S. rēafian, rēafode), *reft* his, 457.

romed vp, 140.

roved (A.S. rūnian, rūnode), *roved* in, *2044.

wondred (A.S. wundrian, wundrode), *wondred* me, 1988.

§ 102. The following Indicative Preterites (first and third persons) of Anglo-Saxon verbs of the Third Weak Conjugation occur in *H.F.*, — *hadde, seyde* (cf. Child, § 53 ; ten Brink, § 162).

had[de] (A.S. habban, hæfde), 332, 1381 ; *had* doo, 395 ; *had* seen, 468 ; *had* herde, 2060 ; *hadde* I, 2042 ; *had* (+ *vowel*), 412, 421, 452, 456, 501, 1285, 1325, 1389.

seyde (A.S. secgan, sægde, sǣde), 191 f (: *preyde* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*), 1376 f (*dyede* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*), 1677 f (: *brayde* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*) ; *seyde*, 369, 595, 864, 885, 911, 1051, 1871, 1891, 1993, 2047 ; *sayede*, 573 ; *seyde*, 556, 641, 980 ; *seyde* he, 187.

§ 103. Several verbs that are strong in Anglo-Saxon show weak preterites in *H.F.* (cf. Child, § 54, *a* ; ten Brink, § 167). With these include *dyede*, O.N.

brayde (A.S. bregdan, brægd, bræd), 1678 f (: *seyde* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*) ; see *abreyd(e)*, § 108.

dyede (O.N. deyja, dō), 375 f (: *seyde* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*) ; *dyde*, 380 f (: *Ouyde* *pr. n.*) ; *dide*, 106 f (: *lyde* *pr. n.*) ; *dyed* thorgh, 374.

fled (A.S. flēon, flēah), *fled* and, 166.

highte (A.S. hātan, heht, hēt ; cf. ten Brink, § 135), *vocatus est* : *highte* stace, 1460 ; *hight* Triton, 1596 ; *vocatur* : *highte* Laude, 1673 ; *hight*[e] Pheton, 942 ; *hight*[e] sklaundre,

- 1580; hight the, 663; *vocatus*: highte Achate, 226.—het(e), *vocatus est*: And eke the man that Triton het(e), 1604 f (: fete *n.*).
- lost (A.S. forlēosan, forlēas), lost hys, 436, 950; lost her 1229; cf. *les*, § 108.
- slept (A.S. slæpan, slēp, North. slēpte), slept || me, 119; cf. *slep(e)*, § 108.
- § 104. One Romance verb shows a syncopated preterite after the analogy of the First Weak Conjugation (cf. Child, § 53; ten Brink, §§ 180, 182).
- preyde, 192 f (: seyde 3 *sg. pt. ind.*); but see *prayēd her* (*plur.*) 1815.
- § 105. Most verbs of Romance derivation make their preterites singular in *-ed*, without syncopation (cf. Child, § 53; ten Brink, § 179).
- acheved alle, 463; aspiēd I, 1128; aspyed y, 1320; betrayed hir, 294; betrayed Adriane, 407; counseyllēd hir, 371; cried what, 2147; desired no-thinge, 425; graunted sone, 1538; graunted the, 1540; mused longe, 1287; pressed hem, 1590; sowneth (*error for sowned*), 1202; trayied Phillis, 390; touched heuene, 1375.
- § 106. The Indicative Second Person Singular of Weak Preterites ends in *-est* (cf. Child, § 53, *c*; ten Brink, § 194).
- didest thou, 1846; haddest neuer, 628; madest vs, 470; madeste kynde, 584.
- § 107. The Second Person Singular of the Indicative Preterite of Strong Verbs has not been observed in *H.F.*
- § 108. In the First and Third Persons Singular of the Indicative Preterite of Strong Verbs a final *-e* is written quite commonly, but it is never pronounced.
- abod(e), 1602 f (: brode *post. adj. sg.*). — abreyd(e), 1110 f (: seyde *pp.*). — bad, 165, 186, 236, 430. — bare, 169, 1018, 1435, 1461, 1490, 1510; bare, 172, 594. — be-came, 243. — began, 149, 435 f (: steris-man *n.*), 1340, 1652 f (: ran 3 *sg. pt. ind.*). — beheld, 1520; behelde, 897, 965; beheld(e), 481 f, 539 f (*both*: felde *n.*). — blew, 1680, 2120; blewē, 1599 — bonde, 1590. — cam, 1874; came, 145, 564; cam(e) 480 f (: am 1 *sg. pr. ind.*), 969 f (: adame *pr. n.*); come, 1690, 1771, 1927, 2061; come, 1606; com(e), 1906 f (dome *n.*). — clombe, 1118. — clywē, 1702. — fel, 1772; ful, 922; fille, 114. — Fleegh, 921. — fond(e), 1293 f (: honde *n.*); fonde,

141, 443, 1286; fonde, 1166, 1415; founde, 1129, 1584. — forswore, 389. — gan, 164, 190, 231, 235, 299, 311, 368, 392, 420, etc., etc.; gunne, 1658. — held, 1480; helde, 1587. — henge, 394. — knewe, 232. — lay, 112 f (: day *n.*), 558 f (: affray *n.*), 1152 f (: say 1 *sg. pt. ind.*). — lat, 951; lete, 243, 418, 1598, 2117. — les, 1414 f (: goddes *n.*); cf. *lost*, § 103. — malte, 921. — quod, 319, 323, 700, 701, 707, etc., etc. — ran, 1651 f (: be-gan 3 *sg. pt. ind.*). — rofe, 373. — sat, 1205. — sawgh, 127, 132, 151, 162, 163, 193, etc.; saugh, 174, 198, 212, 219, etc., etc.; saw, 296, 917, 933; say 1151 f (: lay 3 *sg. pt. ind.*), 1191, 1283 f (: day *n.*); sey, 948, 989; sigh, 1161 f (: on high). — shoon, 1125, 1387, 1422; shoone, 1289; shone, 503, 530. — slep(e), 438 f (kepe *n.*); cf. *slept*, § 103. — slowe, 268, 956. — smote, 438. — songe, 1399. — spak(e), 555 f (: awake *impv. sg.*), *978 f (: bake *n.*), 1077 f (: blake *adj. post. sg.*); spake, 910; spake, 963. — stale, 418. — stank, 1654. — stood, 1116, 1464; stode, 1869; stode, 1162, 1163; stode, 1605; stood(e), 1507 f (: woode *adj. pred. sg.*). — swore, 2051. — toke, 1089, 1596; toke, 1637, 1865; tooke, 168, 223, 419, 464. — wrote, 380, 523. — wanne, 458. — yaf, 2021, 2114.

- § 109. The Plural of the Preterite Indicative of both Strong and Weak Verbs ends in *-en*, *-e*, for all persons (Child, § 55; ten Brink, § 194).

I. *-en* before consonants:

hadden grete fames, 1154; hadden myght, 2146; maden lowde, 1217; seyden certes, 1693; seyden lady, 1827; seyden mercy, 1730; seyden sooth, 1552; stoden forthe, 1451; troden fast, 2153; went[en] for (P *-en*), 441; weren sondry, 1194; weren white, 1937.

II. *-en* in rhyme:

Al these armes that ther weren

That they thus on her cote beren, 1331-2.

III. *-en* before vowels:

aqueynteden in, 250; besoughten alle, 1706; clamben vp, 2151; comen out, 1314; fledde~~n~~ eke, 179; metten in, 2092; saten vnder, 1210; stoden alle, 1503; stoden other (F *stonden*), 1437; weren alle 1323; weren on, 1383; writen of, 1441; writen olde, 1515.

IV. *-en* before *h*:

beren hym, 947.

V. *-en* syncopated:

seyden they (*rest* seyde), 1708; stampen as, 2154; writen of 1504.

VI. -ē before consonants :

gonne doun, 1534 ; gonne stellifye, 1002 ; gonne wel, 944 ;
gunne choppen, 1824 ; gunne crie, 1608 ; gunne crowde,
2095 ; gunne fast, 1728 ; gunne loute, 1704 ; gunne stonde,
1692 ; gunne wringe, 2110 ; hadde large, 1412 ; mette with,
227 ; nere nought, 1328 ; seyde graunte, 1536 ; seyde we,
1660.

VII. -e in rhyme :

brende, 954 f (: descende *inf.*) ; highte, 1519 f (syghte *n.*) ;
kast[e], 2152 f (: fast *adv.*) ; ronge, 1398 f (: y-songe *pp.*) ;
roughte, 1781 f (: ought 2 *pl. pt. ind.*) ; tolde, 2143 f
(: be-holde *inf.*) ; were, 173 f (: fere *n.*) ; 233 f (: where
adv.) , 1047 f (: spere *n.*) , 1155 f (: [t]here *adv.*) , 1249 f
(: there *adv.*) ; went[e], 181 f (: went *n.*) .

VIII. -e elided before vowels :

(be)gunne vp, 2150 ; fille anon, 1659 ; gonne as, 1589 ; gonne
of, 2090 ; gonne vp, 953 ; gunne on, 1211 ; hadde in, 1849 ;
hadde y-wrought, 1711 ; lost al, 156 ; ner of, 1423 ; sayde I,
2148 ; synge (*error for songe*) of, 1404 ; were alle, 2149 ;
were almost, 1143 ; were in, 698 ; were on, 1319 ; wer
a-cheked, 2093 ; wer as, 1316 ; write or, 1519.

IX. -e elided before h :

gonne her, 1550 ; gunne honoure, 1384 ; prayed her, 1815.

X. Apocope is not uncommon :

begunne to (P *begunnē* by omitting *to*), 1220 ; fonde they,
1810 ; made welmore (*sing. ?*), 1290 ; quod they, 1562 ;
shoonē ful (*sing. ?*), 1289 ; vsed clarion, 1247 ; werē come,
1533 ; werē lefte, 238 ; werē made, 1424 ; werē molte, 1149 ;
werē wonder, 1691 ; wer set, 1350.

§ 110. The Singular of the Present Subjunctive of both Strong
and Weak Verbs ends in -e in all persons (Child, § 56 ; ten
Brink, §§ 184, 188).

I. First Person : (a) *before consonants*, — er I bere the, 600 ;
but I bringe the, 2003 ; (b) *in rhyme*, — yif I hit graunte,
1787 f (: avaunte *inf.*) ; as I leue, 875 f (: eve *n.*) ; or I
ferther pace, 1112 f (: place *n.*) ; Though I hem noght be
ordre telle, 1453 f (: duelle *inf.*) ; what I thynke, 1879 f
(: drynke *inf.*) ; (c) *elision*, — al-so browke I wel myn hede,
273 ; as thryve I, 1615 ; what I drye or, 1879.

II. Second Person : (a) *before consonants*, — y prey the That
thou a while a-bide me, 1994 ; Looke that thou warne me,
893 ; (b) *in rhyme*, —

..... so that thou take

Goode herte and not for fere quake, 603-4 ; (c) *elision*, —

And bere hyt neuer so hye, 740; besechen the That thou graunte vs, 1555; al-though thou thenke hyt, 806; yf that thou Throwe, on, 789.

- III. Third Person: (a) *before consonants*, — also wis god helpe me, 576; also wis god rede me, 1067; (b) *in rhyme*, — also god youre soule blesse, 1612 f (: gentillesse *n.*); also god me blesse, 629 f (: humblesse *n.*); Yf hit so longe tyme dure, 303 f (: perauenture *adv.*); the whiche I prey . . . of oure sorwes lyghte, 467 f (: syghte *n.*); so god yow saue, 1760 f (haue *inf.*); god so me saue, 1135 f (: y-graue *pp.*); so god me spede, 1012 f (: nede *n.*); or he sterve, 101 f (: deserve *inf.*); (c) *elision*, — Though somme vers fayle in, 1098; though your loue laste a seson, 341; The whiche I prey alwey save vs, 466; Yf euery dreme stonde in his myght, 80; God turne vs, 1; the holy Roode turne vs, 58; wel worth of this thyng, 53; pray I . . . that euery harme . . . befaller hym, 101; bid him how that he Brynge his other clarioun, 1579; devyne he, 14; dreme he barefote dreme he shod, 98; who-so . . . mysdeme hyt, 97; And he that mouer ys of alle . . . so yive hem . . . and shelde hem . . . and send hem, 83, 88, 90; That euery man wene hem at ese, 1767.

§ 111. Exceptions to § 110.

- I. First Person: Ioues . . . wol that I bere the, 662.
 II. Second Person: y prey the That thou . . . lette me seen, 1995; So that thou yeve thyn aduertence, 709.
 III. Third Person: Ywel thifte comen to your Iowes, 1786; helpe me god, 700; God saue the lady, 1310; god of heuen sende the grace, 1087.

§ 112. The Plural of the Present Subjunctive of both Strong and Weak verbs ends in *-e*, *en* (Child, § 56; ten Brink, §§ 184, 188).

I. Second Person:

. how that ye determynen

And for the more parte diffynen, 343-4.

- II. Third Person: (a) While that they fynde loue of stele, 683; (b) Ne hyt mysdemē in her thoght, 92; (c) So yive hem ioi that hyt here, 83 f (: to yere); (d) Or they espie hyt, 706; That take hyt wele and skorne hyt noghte, 91.
 III. Apocope of *-e*: Comen we morwē or on eve, 2106; yive hem ioi Of alle that they dremen to yere, 84. But in the latter verse *alle* may mean *omnia*; in that event it would be possible to read: Of alle that they dremē to yere.

§ 113. The Preterite Subjunctive Singular of Strong Verbs ends in *-e*; but in *H.F.* the examples are few and inconclusive. The Preterite Subjunctive Singular of Weak Verbs shows in the first and third persons the endings *-de*, *-te*, *-ed* (cf. Child, § 56; ten Brink, § 195). The Second Person Singular of the Subjunctive of Weak Preterites has not been observed.

I. Strong Verbs : (a) *First Person*, — though I knew her places, 1014; as I were a larke, 546; (b) *Third Person*, — prayed her . . . that she . . . yeve hem, 1817; were, 251, 702, 1132, 1333, 1354, 1518, 1819, 1999. — *Exceptions* : (a) *Second Person*, — as thou were woode, 202; (b) *Third Person*, — or he toke kepe, 437; That hem were leuest, 87; Were the tydinge sothe or fals, 2072; nor hyt were to louge, 381; as he were woode, 1508.

II. Weak Verbs : (a) *First Person*, — yf I wolde her names telle, 1505; (b) *Third Person*, — or he lette, 2070 f (: mette 3 sg. *pt. ind.*); Tyl he haue caught that what him lest[e], 282 f (: the fayrest), — but T alone shows the verse; so she saved hym hys life, 423. — Haue : (a) *First Person*, — As ferforth as I had[de] wytte, 328; (b) *Third Person*, — Though that Fame had al the pies, 703; had he lawghed had he loured, 409; had hyt stonde, 1928; Yf Adriane ne had y-be, 411. — *Exceptions* : prayed her . . . that she nolde doon, 1816; As she had been, 229.

§ 114. The Plural of the Preterite Subjunctive of both Strong and Weak Verbs ends, like that of the Present, in *-e*, *en* (cf. Child, § 56; ten Brink, § 195).

As men a potful of bawme helde, 1686 f (: smelde 3 sg. *pt. ind.*); though they were of, 1850 (*ind. ?*); seyden they yeven noght a leke, 1708. — *Exceptions* : as men had writen hem, 1156; As we had wonne hyt, 1751; men wend that, 1796; as they were wode, 1809.

§ 115. The Imperative Second Person Singular of Weak Verbs follows the Anglo-Saxon inflections in the First and Second Conjugations, — that is, verbs of the Second Conjugation have *-e* (A.S. *-a*), and verbs of the First Conjugation either end in *-e* (A.S. *-e*) or have no ending, according as the stem-syllable was originally short or long. But in the two examples of verbs of the Third Conjugation *-e* is unsounded or dropped. (Cf. Child, § 58; ten Brink, § 189).

I. First Conjugation : (a) short stems :

telle (A.S. *tele*), telle me, 853 ; tellè me, 2049 ; telle vs, 1563.

But telle me, 870, 1056.

II. First Conjugation : (b) long stems :

hide (A.S. *hȳd*), hide our, 1696.

kythe (A.S. *cȳð*), Now kythe thyn engyne and [thy] myght, 528. Such is pretty certainly the proper reading for this verse, *thy* being supplied after P T. It seems a little strange that Wi., Sk. and He. disregard this variant, showing *kythē*.

ringe (A.S. *hring*), ringe this, 1720.

spede (A.S. *spēd*), spede the, 1595.

Note. — For *drede*, imperative of *dreden* (weak in Chaucer), cf. *drede the*, 1043.

III. Second Conjugation :

herkene, herke (A.S. *heorċna*, *hercna*), herkene wel, 725 ;

herke be, 613 ; herke wel, 1030 ; herke what, 764.

hye (A.S. *higa*), 1592 f (: crie *inf.*).

looke (A.S. *lōca*), looke that, 893 ; loke thou, 927.

make (A.S. *maca*), make hyt, 1097.

IV. Third Conjugation :

haue (A.S. *hafa*), haue pitee, 316.

sey (A.S. *saga*), sey these, 1793.

V. Two Old Norse verbs :

cast (O.N. *kasta*), cast vp, 935.

trust[e] (O.N. *treyst*), trust[e] wel, 672.

§ 116. The Imperative Second Person Singular of Verbs of Romance origin ends in *H.F.* in *-e* (cf. ten Brink, § 189).

graunt he, 102 ; graunte vs, 1536, 1609, 1773 ; gye, 1093 f (: maistrye *n.*) ; save and, 494 ; turne vpward, 925.

§ 117. The Imperative Second Person Singular of Strong Verbs has in *H.F.*, as in Anglo-Saxon¹, no *-e* (Child, § 58 *b* ; ten Brink, § 189).

In the following list *-e* is oftener written than otherwise, but it is regularly unsounded.

awak(e), 556 f (: spake 3 *sg.* *pt. ind.*) ; awake to, 560. — beholde this, 926. — blow her, 1626 ; blowe this, 1790 ; blowe thy, 1718 ; blowe as, 1766 ; blowe yt, 1673. — come forth, 1912. — goo blowe, 1790 ; goo noght, 317. — farewel, 1085. — lat a, 1037 ; lat be, 992 ; lat goo, 741 ; lat me, 2097 ; lat oure, 1610 ; lat vs, 1745 ; let me, 2097 ; let our, 1556 ; let vs, 1755 ; leet men, 1761 ; late now, 1670. — ryse

¹ Short stems in *-jo* excepted ; cf. Sievers, § 372.

vp, 1592. — see quod, 888 ; se her, 1023 ; se yonder, 936. — slee me, 317. — stonde no, 1912. — vnderstond now, 1073. — yive vs, 1558. — *And also tak(e)*, 1673 f (: blake *adj. sg. pred.*) ; take forth, 1624 ; take thy, 1594 ; take thyn, 1052 ; take hede, 787 ; take out, 1765 ; take yt, 822. — *Short -jo-stem*, — bid (A.S. bide), bid hym, 808 ; bid him, 1573, 1578.

But in one verb *-e* is certainly pronounced : And seyde walke forth a pace, 1051.

Note 1. — In these two examples *let* is doubtless to be regarded as imperative plural : let see (= *videamus*), 580 ; let vs speke (= *dicamus*), 293.

Note 2. — Observe the ellipsis of the verb in *vp the hede*, 1021.

§ 118. The Imperative Second Person Plural of Verbs, strong or weak, native or naturalized, ends in *H.F.* in *-eth*, *-eth* ; but forms in *-e* and forms with no inflectional ending also occur (cf. Child, § 59 ; ten Brink, § 189).

I. Forms in *-eth*, *-eth* : entreth in, 1109 ; haueth of, 325 ; helpeth || that, 521 ; herkeneth as, 109 ; herkeneth euery, 509 ; listeneth of (P *listeth*, T *lysteth* ; and so perhaps 3 *pl. pr. ind.*), 511 ; trusteth wele, 66.

II. Form in *-e* : herke how, 1549.

III. Forms without ending : goo your, 1561, 1622 ; let your, 1701 ; syker be ye, 1978.

§ 119. The infinitive ends in *H.F.* in *-en*, *-en*, *e*, *-e* (cf. Child, § 60 ; ten Brink, § 190). In *to done*, *to goone*, *to seyne*, the *-ne* of the A.S. gerund or dative-infinitive is preserved.

The following summary is of some interest as showing the relative frequency of *-en*, *-en*, *e*, *-e*, in the several positions : (a) *before consonants*, — *en* (26), *e* (43), *-e* (4) ; (b) *in rhyme*, — *en* (3), *-e* (196) ; (c) *before vowels*, — *en* (20), *-en* (5), *-ë* (9), *-e* (54) ; (d) *before h*, — *en* (4), *-ë* (2), *-e* (20). From this it will be seen that *-e* is much the commoner ending of the infinitive everywhere.

I. *-en* before consonants : abyden the, 1086 ; aprochen blyve, 1521 ; beten the, 1044 ; casten no, 1170 ; casten with, 1048 ; crien lowde, 2096 ; ensuren the, 2098 ; envien loo, 1231 ; heren that, 1024 ; heren wel, 879 ; leten wel, 1950 ; loken thoo, 896 ; menen this, 1104 ; pipen bet, 1232 ; powren wonder, 1121 ; proven the, 808 ; romen til, 1293 ; tellen can, 1324 ; tellen certeyn, 1731 ; tellen the, 726, 1884 ; tellen yow, 1343 ; tellen yowe, 1418 ; trowen this, 699 ; trumpen Mes-senius, 1243 ; wexen saugh, 1391.

II. *-en* in rhyme : duellen, 1300 f (: tellen *inf.*) ; tellen,

1059 f (: duellen 3 *pl. pr. ind.*) ; tellen, 1299 f (: duellen *inf.*).

III. *-en* before vowels : bilden on, 1133 ; beholden eke, 1755 ; blasen out, 1802 ; carien a, 1280 ; choppen al, 1824 ; crien alle, 1313 ; excusen Eneas, 427 ; hangen ought, 1782 ; loken vnder, 964 ; lyen euerychon, 1717 ; passen eueryche, 975 ; puffen and, 1866 ; serven in, 1548 ; shenden al, 1016 ; semen euery, 1291 ; stonden in, 1238 ; tellen also, 1388 ; tellen anon, 2062 ; wexen in, 979 ; wondren in, 583.

IV. *-en* before *h* : helpen hem, 1439 ; stonden hym, 1214 ; trumpen [hit], 1864 ; wexen hit, 1652.

V. *-en*, syncope : mounten || and, 953 ; maken || in, 1268 ; pleyen || and, 2133 ; pleyen vpon, 1201 ; temen vs, 1744.

Note. — The MSS. are at one only in 2133 ; in the other verses (except 1744) there are variants in *-e*, which of course elides before the vowels that follow ; and in 1201, 1744 there is authority for reading *on* instead of *vpon*, whence we should have *pleyen*, *temen*.

VI. *-e* before consonants : beholde more, 532 ; bere tho, 1597 ; clymbe greued, 1119 ; come hyder, 1891 ; come to, 735 ; compleyne thanne, 368 ; confirme my, 761 ; deserue why, 1781 ; fele wel, 826 ; graunte yowe, 1822 ; helpe to, 1102 ; here many, 1915 ; here where, 711 ; holde yow, 324 ; kenne myght, 498 ; kepe that, 215 ; lerne loue, 1235 ; lerne saugh, 1250 ; loke nowe, 580 ; make folke, 42 ; make lenger, 1282 ; make lythe, 118 ; make songes, 622 ; make yow, 1300, 1454 ; passe with, 2011 ; peyne me, 246 ; rede many, 448 ; shewe yow, 1102 ; speke more, 245 ; teche the, 2024 ; telle first, 850 ; telle [the], 1792 ; telle the, 249, 894 ; telle where, 479 ; telle yow, 150, 547 ; trumpe there, 1250 ; vnderstonde kan, 510 ; vnderstonde my, 710 ; warne the, 1068 ; wyne sone, 2115.

Note. — The following infinitives require an additional syllable, for all of which there are variants in *-e*, *-en* : comfort tho (235), pley Iugelours (1259), shew craft (1100), tel can (334, 450), tel fonde (1427), tel she (242).

VII. *-e* in rhyme : abrayde, 559 f (: seyde 3 *sg. pt. ind.*) ; appere, 190 f (: here *inf.*) ; agryse, 210 f (: aryse *inf.*) ; aryse, 209 f (: agryse *inf.*) ; bede, 32 f (: drede *n.*) ; bete, 570 f (: hete *n.*) ; come, 45 f (: some *pro.*) ; drenche, 205 f (: wenche *n.*) ; 16, 64, 78, 87, 90, 102, 164, 180, 189, 195, 205, 220, 231, 237, 239, 246, 251, 252, 279, 297, 311, 381, 382, 385, 392, 413, 422, 434, 446, 447, 474, 491, 499, 508, 511, 512, 520, etc., etc., etc. — Final *-e* is to be supplied in the follow-

- ing examples; in every case, indeed, there are variants which show it: blow, 1639 f (: ouerthrowe *inf.*); cary, 574 f (: Mary); cast, 1147 f (: last *inf.*); groon, 338 f (: euerychoon *pro.*); know, 1122 f (: low *adv.*); last, 1147 f (: cast *inf.*); let, 1954 f (: vnshet *pp. plur.*); shout, 1808 f (: about *adv.*).
- VIII. -e elided before vowels: beholde vpon, 1111; bere vp, 1439, 1472; blowe in, 1818; cause another, *794; come in, 2005; countrepese ese, 1750; crepe at, 2086; dreme of, 22; endyte and, 520; 67, 79, 202 (*bis*), 216, 247, 277, 289, 293, 431, 491, 599, 705, 790, 867, 946, 958, 993, 1017, 1037, 1053, 1055, 1108, etc., etc.
- IX. -e elided before *h*: bere hyt, 1474; blowe her, 1722; bring his, 1573; cache his, 404; countrefet hym, 1212; ese her, 1799; here hyt, 1038; kembe hyr, 136; kepe hir, 192; knowe hit, 377; ley hyt, 291; loue hym, 270; preyse hys, 627; shake hem, 868; shewe hym, 867; slepe hir, 76; synghe hyt, 2138; telle hyt, 2073; wete his, 1785; wringe hir, 299.
- X. Apocope of -e: come to, 786; further the, 2023; put the, 598; trumpe Ioab, 1245.
- XI. Hiatus: blowe out, 204; durë euer, 353; lernë in, 1088; speke al, 886; stonde al, 85; stonde in, 1692; stonde out, 1456; tellë al, 1829; thynkë hyt, 387; vnderstondë hyt, 50; yevë eche, 2112.— But variants in -en are found in 204, 387, 886, 1692.
- XII. *fle, se*: fle for, 2109; flee ful, 610; flee so, 973; flee the, 186; flee, 165 f (: he), 934 f (: meynë *n.*); fleen, 2118 f (: seen *inf.*).— se hyt, 386; se men, 1106; se the, 533; se, 476 f, 525 f, 737 f, 928 f; see darst, 580; see hyt, 211; see owghwhere, 478; see wel, 793; see with, 1492; see, 441 f, 483 f, 804 f, 1120 f, 1387 f, 1501 f, 1526 f, 1623 f, 1892 f; seen, 1948 f, 1995 f (*both*: been 3 *pl. pr. ind.*), 2117 f (: fleen *inf.*).
- XIII. Gerundial infinitives, — *to done, to goone, to seyne*: to done, 113 f (: sone *adv.*), 361 f (: moone *n.*); to doo good, 1714; to do al, 611; to do the, 664; to do thys, 603; *inf.*, do no, 1794; do so, 2099; do than, 2020; do, 261 f; doo eftesones, 359; doo no, 1795; doo, 243 f, 320 f; doon hem, 1816; doon vs, 1748.
- to goone, 1165 f (: woone *n.*); to goon, 1916 f (: many oon), 2084 f (: anoon *adv.*); to goo by, 749; to goo, 1598 f (: thoo *adv.*); *inf.*, go as, 1106; go first, 2097; go, 2100 f; goo in, 639; goo into, 430; goo out, 476; goo thyn, 741; goo, 197 f, 236 f, 420 f, 1950 f, 2078 f, 2094 f; goon and, 934;

goon there, 2117; goon, 951 f, 1569 f, 1670 f (*all*: anoon *adv.*), 1583 f (: ston *n.*); gon, 1090 f (: anon *adv.*), 1934 f (: ston *n.*), 1992 f (: stoon *n.*); for-goon, 1856 f (: oon *num.*).

sothe for to seyne, 690 f (: demeyne *inf.*); soth for to seyn(e), ageyne *adv.*; soth for to seye, 1368 f (: y-seye *pp.*); sothe to sey[e], 1917 f (: valey *n.*); *inf.*, sey[e], 713 f (wey *n.*).

§ 120. The Present Participle ends in *H.F.* in *-ynge* (*-inge*), *-yng* (*-ing*) (cf. Child, § 64; ten Brink, § 191). The only example in rhyme is with noun in *-ynge*. The examples before a consonant are few, but in these *-e* is unsounded.

I. In rhyme : goynge, 799 f (: sterynge *n.*). — II. Before consonants : dwellynge, 608; syttynge, *1415; wepynge, 214. — III. Before vowels : blowynge, 230; causynge, 796; crynge (*error for carynge*), 545; crynge, 170; encresing, 2077; entryng, *1527; feynynge, 1478; fletynge, 133; fleynge, 543; goynge, 228; lepynge, 1823; multiplynge, 801; pleynge, 1252; rennynge, 2145; seylynge, 903; sittynge, 1394. — IV. Before *h* : wenynge hyt, 262.

§ 121. The Perfect Participle of Weak Verbs ends in *H.F.* in *-ed*, *-ēd*, *-d*, *-t* (cf. Child, § 62; ten Brink, §§ 163, 166-9, 176, 180-3).

There is in *H.F.* no case of a participle rhyming with the preterite of a weak verb; the only apparent example — herde, 1932 f (: ferde 3 *sg. pt. ind.*) — is shown by comparison of MSS. to be a preterite. There are three instances of final sounded *-e*, all plural : dreyntē were, 233; vnbrendē were, 173; vnshet[te], 1953 f (: let *inf.*), — *the rest vnshette, lette*.

I. Anglo-Saxon verbs of the First Conjugation (cf. § 99).

agastē, 557; a-sweued, 549 f (: heued *n.*); betyd, 384; betyde, 680; betyde, 578, *2048; broght, 155; herd, 1059, 1929, 2135; herde, 1909; herde, 2060; heryed (*dissyl.*), 1405; left, 2038 f (: eft *adv.*); lefte, 238; y-ment, 1742 f (: sent *pp.*); red, 347, 722; rent, 776; sent, 612 f (: comaundement *n.*), 1741 f (: y-ment *pp.*); y-sent, 984 f (: entendement *n.*); set, 620, 845, 1350; silde (*error for fylde*), 1957; soght, 626; tolde, 2136; tolde, 823; told(e), 529 f (: golde *n.*), 996 f, 2063 f (*both* : olde *adj. sg. pred.*); tyd, 255; y-went, 976 f (: element *n.*); wroght, 1317, 1498; I-wrought, 1298; y-wrought, 1173 f, 1923 f (*both* : thought *n.*), 1711 f (: nought *pro.*). — From the Old Norse First Conjugation : brent, 2080; y-brent, 940.

II. Anglo-Saxon verbs of the Second Conjugation (cf. § 101).
 axed, 1766; called, 1357; y-called, 1363 f (: y-stalled *pp.*);
 cleped, 1400, 1575, 1625, 1921; clothed, 1078; Crammed,
 2129; y-hated, 200; made, 592, 1362, 1424, 1922: made,
 1224, 1936, 2016; y-made, 120; y-made, 691; maked, 924;
 y-marked, 1103; of thowed, 1143; opened, 1952; rovned,
 722, 1030 f (: compovned *pp.*); y-rovned, 2107 f (: com-
 povned *pp.*); shamed, 1634; y-shamed, 356; shewed,
 1095 f (: lewed *pred. adj. sg.*); warned, 51; wont, 2078;
 wontē, 113, 566, 1548; wonte, 1581; wonde, 1576.

III. Verbs of Germanic origin which are not found in Anglo-Saxon (cf. § 101).

dasēwyd (cf. O.N. *dasask*), 658; loured, 409 f (: devoured *pp.*); piped, (cf. A.S. *pipe, n.*), 785; twyst, 775.

IV. Anglo-Saxon verbs of the Third Conjugation (cf. § 102).
 had, 667; hadde, 1848; sayde, 2052; seyde, 565, 883, 2008;
 seyde, 355, 372; seyd(e), 109 f (: abreyde *1 sg. pt. ind.*).

V. Weak participles from strong verbs (cf. § 103).

adrad, 928; highte, 226; lawghed, 409; lost, 234; y-lost,
 1257; y-loste, 183.

VI. Syncopated participles from verbs of Romance origin
 (cf. § 104).

enclyned, 828; keuered, 275, 352; recouerd, 1258; quyt, 1614
 f (: hyt *pro.*). But better, perhaps, *keuered, recouer[e]d*.

VII. Unsyncopated participles from verbs of Romance origin
 (cf. § 105).

a-cheked (O.F. *eschec*), 2093; acheued, 1738; arrayved, 1047;
 assayled, 158; assured, 581; astonyed (*trisy.*), 549; com-
 povned, 1029 f (: rovned *pp.*), 2108 f (: y-rovned *pp.*);
 conserued, 732; conserved, 1160; corovned, 1316; departed,
 2068; deserued, 1613, 1662, 1545 f, 1621 f (*both*: serued,
pp.); devoured, 410 f (: loured *pp.*); enbrowded, 1327;
 enclyned, 749, 825; entremedled, 2124; escaped, 167;
 formed, 1366, 2039; yformed, 490; founded, 1981; graunted,
 220; Iuged, 357; meved, 813 f (: preved *pp.*); perched
 (O.F. *perche*), 1991; peynted, 211, 1458; plated (O.F.
plate), 1345; preised, 1577; preved, 839, 854, 814 f
 (: meved *pp.*); preued, 874; receyved, 339 f (: disceyved
pp.); served, 337, 616; serued, 1622 f (: deserued *pp.*);
 y-stalled, 1364 f (: y-called *pp.*); vsed, 1242.

§ 122. The Perfect Participle of Strong Verbs ends in *H.F.* in
 -en, -en, -n, -e (cf. Child, § 61; ten Brink, §§ 130, 132, 139,
 140, 142, 143, 145, 148-151, 153, 155-158, 160).

- I. *-en, -n*, in rhyme : born(e), 59 f (: beforne *prep.*), 345 f (: lorne *pp.*); ybroken, 765 f (: yspoken *pp.*); lorn(e), 346 f (: borne *pp.*); seyn(e), 501 f (: certeyne *adj. post. sg.*); y-slayn(e), 159 f (: certayne *adv.*); yspoken, 766 f (: ybroken *pp.*).
- II. *-en* unsyncopated : blowen, 774, 1859; y-comen, 1074; corven, 1295; flowen, 905; graven, 212; growen, 1353; knowen, 757, 1676; leten, 1934; seën, 468; shapen, 1985; y-sowen, 1488; spoken, 881; y-spoken, 810; throwen, 1325; woxen, 2082; writen, 142, 1153.
- III. *-en* syncopated : seen, 977, 2037; spoken [in], 717; sworn(e), 322; woxen on, 1494; writen hem, 1156.
- IV. *-e* in rhyme : begonne, 677 f (: wonne *pp.*); behewe, 1306 f (: shewe *inf.*); beholde, 1285 f (: yholde *pp.*); ybete, 1041 f (: swete *inf.*); y-blowe, 1139 f (: knowe *inf.*), 1664 f (: knowe *pp.*); y-broke, 770 f (: smoke *n.*); y-colde (*error for yholde*), 1286 f (: beholde *pp.*); y-graue, 1136 f (: saue 3 *sg. pr. subj.*); knowe, 1663 f (y-blowe *pp.*); y-knowe, 1770 f (: blowe *inf.*); y-ronge, 1655 f (: tonge *n.*); ronne, 1644 f (: gonne *n.*); y-seye, 1367 f (: seye *inf.*); songe, 347 f, 722 f (*both* : tonge *n.*); y-songe, 1397 f (: ronge 3 *pl. pt. ind.*); y-sprong[e], 2081 f (: tong *n.*); wonne, 678 f (: begonne *pp.*).
- V. *-e* before consonants : come there, 673; graue was, 256; take for, 303.
- VI. *-e* apocopated : comē to, 1603; founde || that, 2054; y-sworē to, 421.
- VII. *-e* elided before vowels : y-bore, 590; come, 1533; grave, 157, 451; molte, 1145, 1149; spoke, 723; spronge, 2079; wonne, 159.
- VIII. *-e* elided before *h* : grave how, 253, 433; take hir, 424; wonne hyt, 1751; ywonne hys, 456; wox hir, 1146.
- IX. Hiatus : gravē in, 473; stondē vpon, 1928; vnknowē ys, 270. But in two of the three examples there are variants in *-en*.

§ 123. Preteritive Presents.

A.S. witan. — 1 *sg. pr. ind.*, wot I, 52; wotē wel, 980; wotē my, 1878; wote I, 474; wotē euer (*manifest error for wiste*), 1897. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, wost, 729, 762, 781, 790, 863, 982 f (: gost *n.*), etc.; wostow, 1000, 1784, 1791. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, wotē why, 680; forwotē that, 45. — 2 *pl. pr. ind.*, wetē ye, 1618. — 1 *sg. pt. ind.*, wiste what, 1159; wyste I, 129; wiste, 1544 f (: nyste 1 *sg. pt. ind.*). — 3 *sg. pt. ind.*, wyste sothely, 364; wiste that, 393. — *Pp.*, wist(e), 351 f (: miste *n.*), 1666 f (: leste 3 *sg. pt. ind.*).

- A.S. *nytan*. — 1 *sg. pr. ind.*, not 12, 982, 1887, 2148. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, nostow, 1010; nost not thou, 2047. — 1 *sg. pt. ind.*, nyste neuer, 128; nyste how, 548; nyst[e] how, 1049, 1901; nyste I, 1127; nyste, 1543 f (: wiste 1 *sg. pt. ind.*).
A.S. *āgan*. — 3 *sg. pt. ind.*, ought[e] the, 860; ought him, 1134. — 3 *pl. pt. ind.*, ought[e], 1782 f (: rought 2 *pl. pt. ind.*). The several examples are all present in sense.
A.S. *cunnan*¹. — *Inf.*, kunne gynne, 2004. — 1 *sg. pr. ind. and subj.*, kan, 15, 64, 143 f, 277 f, 334 f (*all* : man *n.*), 248, 707, etc.; can, 547, 865 f, 1324 f (: *both* : man *n.*), etc. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, canst, 624. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, kan, 510 f (: man *n.*), 959, etc. — 1 *pl. pr. ind.*, konne noon, 335. — 2 *pl. pr. ind.*, konne groon, 338. — 3 *pl. pr. ind.*, konne wel, 1265; kan synge, 2138; kan, 450 f (: Claudian). — 1 *sg. pt. ind. and subj.*, koude know, 1452; Yf I koude eny weyes know, 1122; koude I, 1140. — 3 *sg. pt. ind.*, kouthe gesse, 1814; who so koude I-knowe, 1336; koude no 945; coude hem, 1797. — 3 *pl. pt. ind.*, coude casten, 1170.
A.S. *durran*. — 1 *sg. pr. ind.*, dar wel, 598; dar I, 674; dare I, 2054. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, darst thou, 580.
A.S. *sculan*. — 1 *sg. pr. ind.*, shal, 150, 355, 357, 585, 713, etc. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, shalt, 577, 602, 672, 711, 793, etc.; shaltow, 2026. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, shal, 6, 107, 279, 308, 309, etc.; shall(e), 82 f (*alle omnia*). — 2 *pl. pr. ind.*, shul, 512, 1667, 1717; shal, 1615, 1619. — 3 *pl. pr. ind.*, shal, 525, 1616; shul, 1634. — 1 *sg. pt. ind. and subj.*, shuld[e] both, 1892; shulde I, 245, 1341; shulde y, 1513; shuld I, 1282; shulde the, 559. — 3 *sg. pt. ind. and subj.*, shulde drenche, 205; shulde shenden, 1016; shuld[e] not, 756; shuld[e] fast, 1569; shulden be, 869.
A.S. **mugan*. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, maist, 737, 2025; mayst, 826; maiste goo, 639 (*subj. ?*); maistow, 699, 1024; mayste thou, 747. — 3 *sg. pr. ind. and subj.*, may, 32, 90, 274, 291, 324, 479, 487, 587, 732, 1721, etc. — 1 *pl. pr. ind.*, may not, 1759. — 2 *pl. pr. ind.*, mowe here, 1828. — 2 *sg. pr. subj.*, al[though] thou mowe hyt not y-see, 804. — 1 *pl. pr. subj.*, pray we That we mowe han, 1735. — 1 *sg. pt. ind. and subj.*, myghte see, 1501; though I myght[e] dure, 353; myght[e] see, 483; myght[e] not, 909; myght I, 2117; myght see, 1492. — 3 *sg. pt. ind. and subj.*, myght[e] do, 261; myght[e]

¹ Of the remaining verbs of this section distinctions of mood are particularly hard to draw for *cunnan*, *sculan*, **mugan*. Often no distinction is attempted; in such cases Gothic figures indicate the more likely subjunctives.

swere, 422 ; myght[e] make, 1334 ; myght ther, 1337 ; myght agryse, 210 ; myght I, 498 ; myght oute, 2085 ; myght hyt, 763 ; myght hit, 1164 ; myght hyt, 1929.

A.S. *mōtan*. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, *mot to*, 720, *mote oute*, 2139. — 1 *sg. pr. subj.*, *mote y*, 1329. — 3 *sg. pr. subj.*, *mote hit*, 102 ; *mot be*, 1663. — 3 *sg. pt. ind. (as present)*, *most[e] rede*, 448 ; *most[e] thider*, 724 ; (*as pret.*), *most[e] nedes*, 1635 ; *most vnto*, 187 ; *most out*, 2094. — 1 *sg. pt. subj. (as present)*, *most I*, 1506. — 3 *sg. pt. subj. (as pret.)*, *moste haue*, 410.

§ 124. Anomalous Verbs : *be*, *wol*, *nyl*, *do*, *go*, *haue*.

be. — *Infinitive*, *be*, 274, 309, 355, 356, 671, 771, 977, 1570, 1663, 1701, 1780, 2101, 2136 ; *be*, 308 f, 357 f, 418 f, 732 f, 1017 f, 1258 f, 1563 f, 1577 f, 1635 f, 2157 f ; *ben*, 1172, 1270, 1330, 2037. — 1 *sg. pr. ind.*, *am*, 582, 588, 608, 980, etc. ; *am*, 479 f (: *came* 1 *sg. pt. ind.*), 601 f (: *cam* 1 *sg. pt. ind.*), etc. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, *art*, 199, 492, 895, etc. ; *arte noyouse*, 574 ; *artow*, 1872. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, *is*, 2, 7, 29, 51, 52, etc. ; *ys*, 45, 81, 292, 300, etc. ; *cause is*, 20 f (: *causis n.*) ; *wone is*, 76 f (: *sones n.*), etc. ; *ys*, 270 f, 881 f, etc. ; *nys*, 1957, 2038 ; *nys*, 349 f, 913 f, 1063 f. — 1 *pl. pr. ind.*, *be*, 337, 340 ; *be*, 1553 f (: *the pro.*) ; *ben*, 1660, 1828, 1830. — 2 *pl. pr. ind.*, *be*, 1622, 1713, 1783. — 3 *pl. pr. ind.*, *ben*, 932, 999, 1167, 1222, 1254, 1516, 1793, 1946 ; *been*, 1952 ; *been*, 1947 f, 1996 f (*both* : *seen inf.*) ; *be* 1894 ; *be* 1382 f (: *she pro.*) ; *bee* 752 f (: *see n.*) ; *Arne set*, 1008. — 2 *sg. pr. subj.*, *be*, 1860 ; *be*, 1593 f (: *the pro.*). — 3 *sg. pr. subj.*, *be*, 44, 276, 352, 408, 526, 722, 778, 802, 821, 838, 876, 1059, 1078, 1676, 1820, 1853, 2020 ; *be*, 927 f (: *se inf.*), 1081 f (: *she pro.*) ; *bee*, 803 f (: *y-see inf.*). — 1 *pl. pr. subj.*, *be*, 673, 2107 ; *ben*, 1614. — 3 *pl. pr. subj.*, *be*, 645, 1666. — 2 *sg. impv.*, *be*, 519, 557, 581, 1405. — 2 *pl. impv.*, *be*, 1978. — 1 *sg. pt. ind.*, *was*, 59, 113, 129, etc. ; *was*, 119 f (: *glas n.*), etc. — 3 *sg. pt. ind.*, *was*, 82, 105, 112, 118, 130, 139, etc. ; *was*, 141 f (: *bras n.*), 158 f (: *allas intj.*), 218 f (: *Eneas pr. n.*), etc. ; *nas*, 486, 915, 1346, 1367, 1922, 1978, 2037 ; *nas*, 1296 f, 1358 f, 2068 f (: *all* : *was* 3 *sg. pt. ind.*). — For the *plur. pret. ind.*, see § 109. — For the *pret. subj.*, see §§ 113, 114. — *Pp.*, *be*, *410 ; *y-be*, 1733 f (: *we pro.*) ; *I-ben*, 1138 ; *y-been*, 1338 f (: *seen inf.*).

wol, *nyl*. — 1 *sg. pr. ind.*, *wol*, 65, 67, 143, 289, 601, 764, 782, 1086, 1113, 2098 ; *wil*, 772, 1057, 1427, 1864, 1880, 1913 ; *will*, 1068 ; *wyl*, 1884 ; *will(e)*, 725 f (: *skille n.*) ; *nyl*, 56, 1255, 1329, 1822, 1856. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, *wolt*, 631, 671,

1069; wilt, 993, 1080, 1102, 2099; of these the last two examples are in subjunctive constructions. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, wol, 247, 359, 586, 662, 670, 790, *794, 2008, 2020; will, 1044. — 1 *pl. pr. ind.*, wil, 886, 2102. — 2 *pl. pr. ind.*, wol ye, 320. — 1 *sg. pt.*, woldē hyt, 382; wolde fayn, 1848; wolde her, 1505. — 3 *sg. pt.*, wolde lede, 942; wold[e] no, 1785; wolde haue, 302, 305, 1784; wolde envien, 1231; wolde he, 2073; wolde hir, 296. — 2 *pl. pt.*, wolde, 1779 f (: nolde 2 *pl. pt.*); nolde, 1780 f (: wolde 2 *pl. pt.*). — 3 *pl. pt.*, wolden honour, 1793; wolde they, 1712. — A few preterites manifestly subjunctive are indicated by Gothic figures; in the main no distinction is tried for.

do. — *Infinitive*, see § 119, XIII. — 1 *sg. pr. ind.*, do, 1024 f (: lo *intj.*). — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, doost, *1883. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, dooth, 610, 1653, 1933; doth, 1036, 1042; dothe Apparence, 265; dothe amys, 269; dothe where, 1648; dothe the, 2116; doth(e), 2052 f (: sothe *pred. adj. sg.*). — 3 *pl. pr. ind.*, don, 1522; doon, 1267, 2154. — 1 *sg. pr. subj.*, do, 1099, 1788. — 2 *sg. impv.*, doon, 1859. — 1 *sg. pt. ind.*, did al, 2132. — 2 *sg. pt. ind.*, didest, 1846. — 3 *sg. pt. ind.*, did he, 1688; did hem, 474; did hym, 259; did this, 1636. — *Pp.*, do, 354, 361; doo, 372 f (: thertoo), 395; don, 1630, 1694, 1732; doon 1698, 1737; doon, 1775 f (: euerychon); y-doon, 1812.

go. — *Infinitive*, see § 119, XIII. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, goost, 655. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, gooth, 806. — 1 *sg. pr. subj.*, goo, 1055. — 3 *sg. pr. subj.*, goo, 1674 f (: soo *adv.*). — 3 *pl. pr. subj.*, goon, 1768. — 2 *sg. impv.*, goo, 317, 1790. — 2 *pl. impv.*, goo, 1561, 1622. — For *present participle*, see § 120. — *Ep.*, goo, 434; y-goo, 802 f (: euer moo); for-goo, 115 f (: two *num.*); goon, 1110 f (: anoon *adv.*); (a)goon, 365 f (: anoon *adv.*).

haue. — *Infinitive*, haue be, 410; haue take, 424; haue tolde, 996; haue truly, 1045; haue wonder, 1069; haue name, 1312; haue no, 1695; haue my, 1716; haue that, 1855; haue, 577, 1617, 1619, 1715, 1794; han, 958, 1610, 1667, 1735, 1795, 1815, 1848, 1872, 1929, 2104. — 1 *sg. pr. ind.*, haue yow, 109, 529; haue do, 354; haue the, 606; haue be-fore, 839; haue seyde, 883; haue yit, 1182, etc.; haue, 814, 823, 854, etc.; haue herd, 1059; haue herde, 1931. — 2 *sg. pr. ind.*, hast, 200, 616, 620, 644, 653, etc.; haste a, 607. — 3 *sg. pr. ind.*, hath, 49, 100, 358, 377, 384, 612, 614, etc. — 1 *pl. pr. ind.*, han, 1054, 1613, 1694, 1698, 1732, 1831. — 2 *pl. pr. ind.*, haue ye, 330, 1716. — 3 *pl. pr. ind.*, han, 1168, 1225, 1630, 1632, 1737, 1766, 1832, 1852, 1854,

1899, 2056; haue hys, 626. — 1 *sg. pr. subj.*, haue I, 1471. — 2 *sg. pr. subj.*, haue hem, 1009. — 3 *sg. pr. subj.*, haue my, 1877. — 1 *pl. pr. subj.*, haue yow, 339; han, 1762. — 2 *pl. pr. subj.*, haue in, 823; haue deserued, 1621. — 3 *pl. pr. subj.*, haue the, 41. — For the *imperative*, see §§ 115, III., 118. — For the *preterite indicative*, see §§ 102, 106. — For the *preterite subjunctive*, see § 113. — For the *perfect participle*, see § 121, IV.

LIFE.

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